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Peter Barnes (right) in action for Leeds
 against Des Bremner of Aston Villa.



BARNES

**PETER Barnes believes
 that his move to Spanish
 club Real Betis could
 revive his flagging
 England career.**

The winger, who faced the
 prospect of Second Division
 football with relegated Leeds
 this season, can now look
 forward to playing against
 such established world stars
 as Argentina's Diego
 Maradona and West
 Germany's Bernd Schuster
 and Uli Stielike in the
 Spanish League.

"I was desperately
 disappointed to be missed out of
 England's World Cup 22, but I'm
 looking to re-establish my
 international career by playing in
 Spain.

"I'm really excited by the
 challenge of playing against the
 many top stars who are currently
 in the Spanish League. If I
 perform well against them, it
 must enhance my chances of
 playing for England again.

"As I've said before, I believe a
 player of my skills will be more
 appreciated abroad than in
 England. Many teams in the First

Division don't play with wingers
 any more and that's not good for
 me.

"I've no regrets about leaving
 England. The prospect of playing
 in either Italy, West Germany or
 Spain has always appealed to
 me.

"I believe I'll come back a
 better player for the experience.
 It will broaden my outlook," said
 the former Manchester City and
 West Brom star.

Peter's future at Leeds was in
 doubt virtually from the day he
 stepped through the door at
 Elland Road nearly one year ago
 for £900,000.

As the once-proud Yorkshire
 club battled in vain against
 relegation, Peter found himself in
 and out of the first team.

"When I joined the club, I was
 sure I'd made the right move
 from West Brom. Manager Allan
 Clarke convinced me he was
 ambitious and determined to
 bring back the glory days to
 Leeds.

"The move turned out to be a
 waste of time because I wasn't
 getting first team football. That
 was vital to me — especially in
 World Cup Finals year."

Even though Peter admits that
 the transfer to Leeds cost him

the chance of a place in
 England's World Cup squad, his
 attitude towards the club has
 mellowed since the appointment
 of Eddie Gray as player-manager.

"I've got a lot of respect for the
 new manager and I'd love to see
 him do very well. He's certainly
 made sure that the players are a
 lot happier.

"You couldn't wish to meet a
 better bunch of lads than the
 players at Leeds. In my short
 spell in Yorkshire, I made some
 very good friends.

"But I've always wanted to
 play abroad," adds Peter, who
 turned down a move to Italian
 giants Juventus when he was 21.

"Leaving England was a
 difficult decision to make. It will
 be a wrench and we'll miss all
 our family and friends.

"Everything is going to be so
 different for my wife and I out
 there. We've got to learn the
 language and get used to a new
 life-style.

"But Real Betis have a lot of
 English connections. The
 secretary's brother lives in York
 and the vice-president's wife is
 English."

The first Peter heard of the
 club's interest was three months
 ago. He explains: "I was

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WHY I'D QUIT ENGLAND

My skills would be more appreciated

abroad, says PETER BARNES



● Flashback to February when Peter told Match Weekly readers in an exclusive interview that he was considering a move abroad.

**'I WANT MY
ENGLAND PLACE
BACK' SAYS
SPAIN-BOUND
PETER...**

STORMER!

approached by an agent who told me the club were looking for a left-winger.

"I've got to admit that I didn't know that much about the club, but you've got to listen to any club that comes in for you.

"After going over to Seville with my wife for a couple of days, I was really impressed by the club and the town.

"The team are no dummies either. They finished fifth in the Spanish League and qualified for the UEFA Cup.

"There are a lot of good players there including defender Gordillo, who played for Spain in the World Cup Finals."

The lure of playing in the UEFA Cup was one of the main reasons why Peter decided to put pen to paper and finally signed for the Spaniards after an on-off transfer saga.

He says: It will be great to play in European competition again. I'm looking forward to it enormously. We've got a very tough first round draw against Benfica of Portugal, but if we win that, there's no telling how far we can go."

Even though Peter is looking forward to a new career in Spain, he could still start next season in the Football League as a Leeds

player again.

The two clubs have agreed a complicated transfer arrangement which means that if the English club doesn't get their full £350,000 within a year, the winger automatically goes back to Elland Road.

Real Betis put down £114,000 and have agreed to pay the rest of the cash over a year.

"I don't think there's much chance of me going back to Leeds so quickly. After all, it wouldn't make much sense for Real to pay so much money for me to be there just a year.

"Even so, I wouldn't mind going back to Leeds if I had to. Technically, until all the money is paid, I'm still a Leeds player.

"If I do return to Elland Road, it would be great if Leeds were back in the First Division. The club deserves to be in the top flight."

Peter joins his former England team-mate Laurie Cunningham in Spain. Laurie currently plays for Spanish giants Real Madrid.

Ironically, both stars played for West Brom. Peter was brought to The Hawthorns to replace Laurie on the wing.

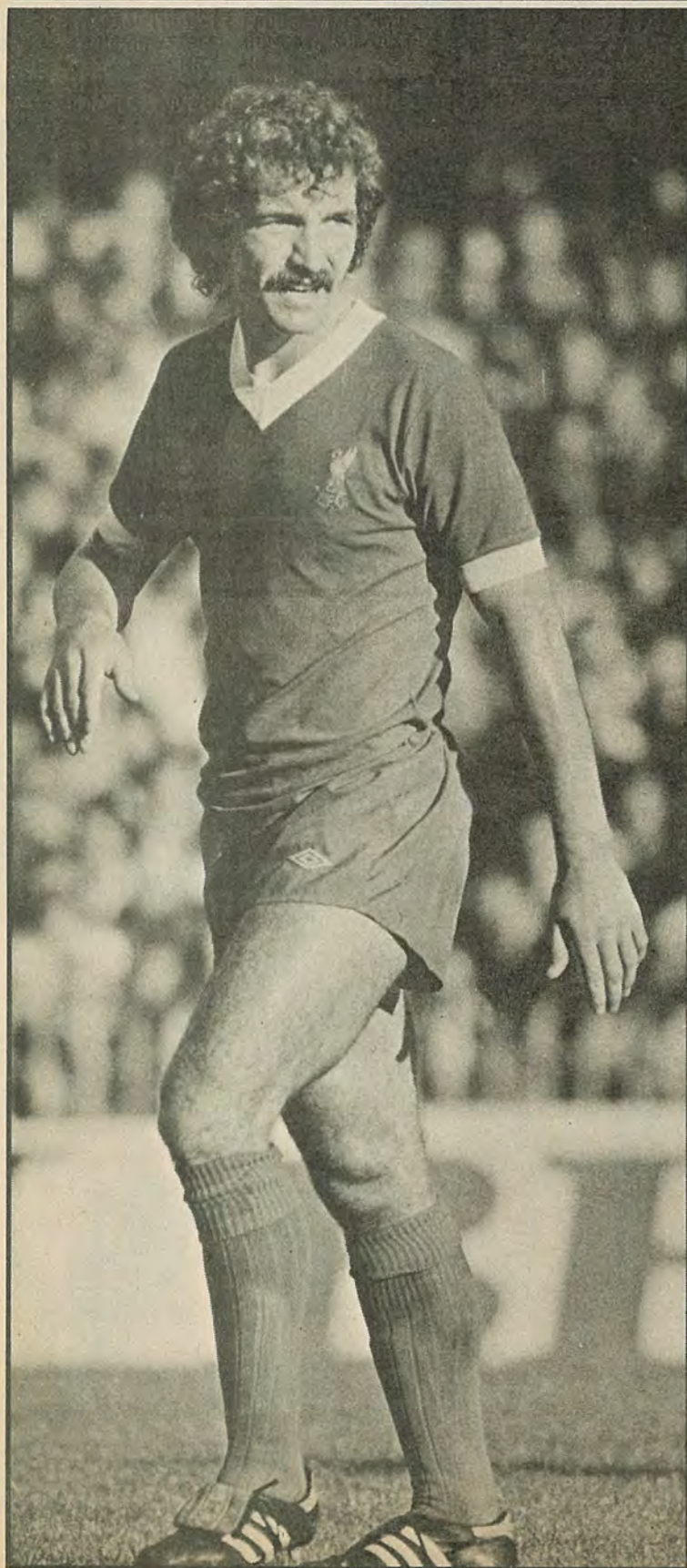
"I haven't spoken to Laurie yet about going to Spain. No doubt we'll meet up when I'm over there," adds Peter.

Peter Barnes' former England team-mate Laurie Cunningham has been in Spain with Real Madrid since 1979.



CHARITY

WE'LL START IN GREAT STYLE!



SAYS GRAEME SOUNESS

THERE'S no better place to start the new season than at Wembley.

That's why I can't wait for our Charity Shield date with FA Cup winners Spurs on Saturday afternoon. Every other professional footballer in the country will be envious of the 22 players who take part.

I know how I felt last season as the build-up started to the game between Aston Villa and Spurs. I just wished that Liverpool were involved.

You just can't play at Wembley often enough. Once you've been there, you want to go back again and again.

The match against Spurs will be a repeat of last season's League Cup Final and obviously I'm hoping we finish up with another victory.

Showpiece

But lifting the trophy after 90 minutes isn't the most crucial thing about this game. As a showpiece start to the season, an entertaining game is important.

The Charity Shield sets the standard for the new campaign so I'm hoping Spurs come to Wembley prepared to make an open game of it.

We'll be doing our best to push forward and entertain the fans — it's the only way we can play.

Everything points to it being a great game even though I expect it to be as tight as the League Cup Final.

Make no mistake about one thing, though, every Liverpool player on duty at Wembley will be playing for his place in the side.

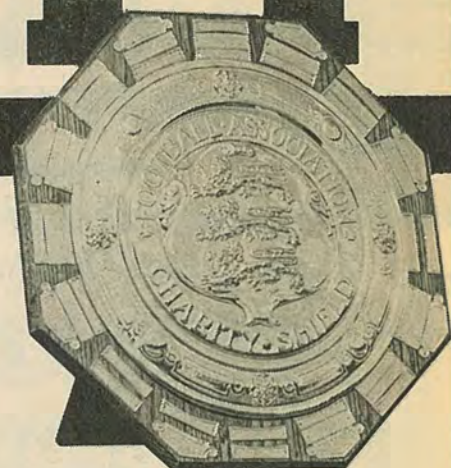
At Liverpool, no-one is guaranteed a place, so everyone will be determined to put on a good show and re-establish themselves in the first team.

There are so many talented youngsters at Anfield who are pushing the seniors really hard. It's that sort of competition which keeps everyone on their toes.

From a team point of view, we'll be going out at Wembley to show the world that we're still a force to be reckoned with.

A win would put us in the best possible frame of mind for our opening League game against West Brom.

Spurs will obviously miss the considerable talents of Argentinian Ossie Ardiles, but his absence could bring out the best in



some of their other players — notably Glenn Hoddle.

It could help the England star take more responsibility in midfield and show what a great player he is.

The match will mean something special to my former Liverpool team-mate Ray Clemence. It will be the second time he's faced us at Wembley.

But we'll be hoping to keep him busy and give him a hard time during the 90 minutes.

Holidays

I reported back for pre-season training a couple of weeks ago, raring to go after holidays in Majorca and America.

Straight after Scotland's exit from the World Cup, I met up with my wife and family in Spain for a week and then we jetted off to Florida to visit Disneyland.

Liverpool's own run up to the season has included trips to Switzerland and Spain for an assortment of friendly games.

So when the whistle sounds at 3 o'clock on Saturday we'll be just in the right frame of mind to take on the Spurs.



Liverpool's last Charity Shield win was against West Ham in 1980. Here I am with the shield alongside team-mates Alan Hansen and Kenny Dalglish.

CRACKER

I HOPE TO BE FIT

SAYS STEVE PERRYMAN

I'M racing against time to get fit for my seventh Wembley appearance in 15 months.

A stomach operation has made me a doubtful starter for the Charity Shield game against Liverpool, but I haven't given up hope yet!

To be realistic, my main target is to be ready for our opening League game against Luton, a week later, but I'll still be terribly disappointed if I have to miss out on the Wembley date.

I've played with a torn stomach muscle for the last 14 months and I was hoping that an eight-week break from football would heal it.

Unfortunately, Spurs' hectic campaign last season took its toll and it was still painful when I reported back for training.

We decided that it would be best to have an operation and get the injury out of the way so that I could start the new season with a clean bill of health.

Bonus

It will be a bonus for me to make the starting line-up for the match. I'd love to help the lads gain revenge over Liverpool, who wrecked Spurs' unbeaten Wembley record in last season's League Cup Final.

We've been to Wembley so often in the last 15 months that we're beginning to think of the place as our second home.

Really, we're just making up to our supporters for the barren seven or eight year spell when we didn't win any major honours.

It would be a tremendous confidence-booster for us all if we could kick off the curtain-raiser to the season with a victory over the League champions.

It would be quite a scalp to have under our belts, but we're not kidding ourselves. We've played Liverpool so many times over the last couple of seasons that we know just how tough they'll be.

Spurs will be using the Charity Shield game as part of their build-up to the First Division campaign. The League has to be the important thing.

It's no good putting in a super performance at Wembley and then losing your opening four League games.

Getting the team to perform together again and giving the players a chance to get touches of



Argentinian Ricky Villa: "He should be playing for us sometime this season," says Steve Perryman.

the ball in a competitive match will be very important on Saturday.

We're also hoping to be able to provide a spectacle for the fans as we did last year against Aston Villa.

The players realise that the game is the curtain-raiser to the new season and that it's important to get off to a good start with an entertaining game.

Much has been made of the fact that we'll be without Ossie Ardiles this season. Of course we'll miss the little Argentinian.

But we've had enough time to get used to playing without him that if we haven't learned how to cope, we need our heads examining.

Unsure

Although the Ricky Villa situation is still unsure, it looks likely that he'll be playing for us at some stage. That's great news for everyone at Tottenham.

With or without me, I just hope that the Charity Shield game lives up to its high expectations. Both sides have the kind of talent which could turn the game into a cracker.

A handwritten signature of Steve Perryman in dark ink. The signature is stylized and cursive, with a long horizontal line extending from the end.

Right: Spurs skipper Steve Perryman: "I'm racing against time to get fit for the Charity Shield."

COUNTDOWN to the Charity Shield. The two skippers, Liverpool's Graeme Souness and Steve Perryman of Spurs preview the Wembley showpiece...



CASH BOOST FOR CITY

MANCHESTER City are to be sponsored this season by the Swedish car firm Saab.

City have signed a two-year sponsorship deal worth around £400,000, but none of the cash will be available for buying new players.

Meanwhile, City have reshuffled their backroom staff with former manager Tony Book taking over as reserve team coach with ex-full back Glyn Pardoe as his assistant.

Former Luton and Norwich midfielder player John Ryan, signed last season on a free transfer from Sheffield United, has taken over as youth team coach.

Testing time for United

FOURTH Division Peterborough United have been preparing for the new season with a unique scientifically-based week's session at Carnegie College in Leeds.

The players were involved in various tests that were monitored and will enable officials to have knowledge of the capacity of each player in terms of fitness and strength.

New manager Martin Wilkinson had the schedule worked out for the Leeds players, but after leaving the club at the end of last season, he decided to put it into action with Peterborough.

BENNETT'S BID



Above Martyn Bennett has the chance to establish himself in the West Brom defence with John Wile out of the country.

YOUNG Martyn Bennett has the added incentive to do well in West Brom's opening games of the new season.

He recognises that he must really establish himself quickly and he has a great opportunity to impress new manager Ron Wylie with skipper John Wile not due back from America until next month.

Says Martyn: "I have got to prove that I am capable of filling John Wile's position. There could be a more permanent position if and when John retires as a player."

Free boost

FORMER Shrewsbury skipper Jake King has joined Wrexham.

The Welsh side, relegated last season, have signed the experienced defender to bolster their bid to return to the Second Division.

Jake was given a free transfer at the end of last season after 1 years with the Second Division club.

SHARP SHOOTERS



MANCHESTER United stars Arnold Muhren (left) and Norman Whiteside are pictured modelling the team's new strip with pretty Sue McDonald.

As well as the redesigned team strip, the Adidas shirts will now bear the name of their main sponsors, Sharp Electronics.

JOE JOINS FORCES

MUCH-travelled midfielder player Joe Laidlaw has joined forces with his former Middlesbrough colleague Stuart Boam.

Boam, the Fourth Division club's player-manager, signed the 32-year-old player from Hereford.

Laidlaw, a £15,000 signing from Portsmouth two years ago, still had a year of his contract to run with the Fourth Division club where he was the highest paid player.

"Laidlaw didn't feel able to take a wage cut and also had personal reasons for wanting to leave Hereford, so his contract has been cancelled by mutual consent," says club chairman Peter Hill.

■ ENGLAND's scheduled friendly international in Argentina next June has been cancelled by mutual agreement.

England were due to visit Buenos Aires on June 14, six days after playing a friendly in Brazil.

Ipswich lose in final

AFTER defeating two North American League sides, Ipswich lost 1-0 to Brazilian side Sao Paulo in the final of the Sunshine Tournament in Florida.

Ipswich defeated Tampa Bay 3-1 and Fort Lauderdale 1-0 en route to the final but they were without international stars Paul Mariner, Mick Mills and John Wark.

Terry Butcher, Alan Brazil and Tony Kinsella were on target against Tampa, while Eric Gates scored the winner against Fort Lauderdale in extra time.

WIN A DAY WITH ENGLAND

PLATINUM, the British writing instrument manufacturers, are offering a boy and girl the chance to win a day with the England football squad.

Children under 16 can enter the competition when they purchase any of the company's products from W. H. Smith.

The two winners will watch the squad train at their England headquarters, lunch at the same hotel and be photographed with the players.

In the evening, they will watch an international from the VIP seats at Wembley before returning home after an overnight stay in London.

The competition runs until September 13.

Boston get their Mann...

TWO of Fourth Division Mansfield's free transfers have gone into non-League football.

Top scorer Jim Lumby and midfielder player Arthur Mann have both joined Northern Premier League club Boston United.

■ FORMER Derby midfielder player Barry Powell has joined Hong Kong club Bulova after getting a free transfer from the Second Division club.

WHYTE POWER

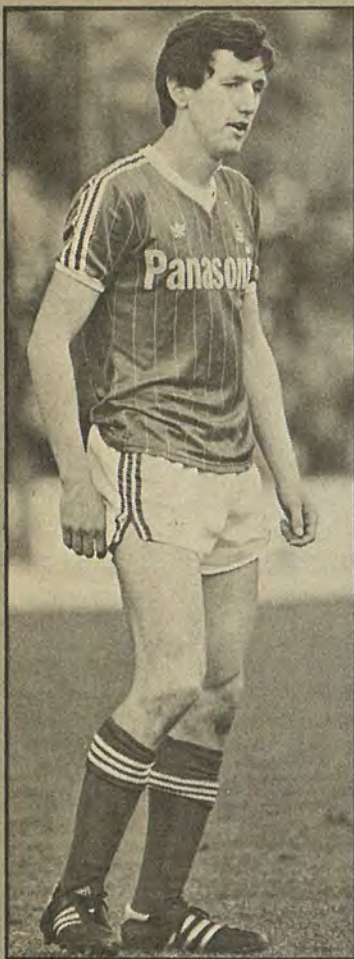
WHILE all eyes at Highbury this season will be on new forwards Tony Woodcock and Vladimir Petrovic, one of Arsenal's home-grown stars, Chris Whyte, will be out to continue his rise to stardom.

He built up a formidable central defensive partnership with skipper David O'Leary last season, and he could play an important part in the London side's bid for the title this term.

"Chris is the first to admit he still has a lot to learn," says David, "but the basic skills are all there for him to become a top class defender."

"He's very strong in the air, has good skill on the ball but, possibly most important of all, he's willing to learn all the time."

"I'd say he has every chance of becoming a fine international player of the future."



Left: Peter Davenport, Nottingham Forest's young goalscoring 'find', is keen to carry on where he left off last season.

PETER PLEDGES TO FIRE FOREST

PETER Davenport, the Nottingham Forest unknown who pushed £1 million signing Justin Fashanu out of the First Division line-up towards the end of last season, is determined to carry on where he left off.

He burst on to the scene with four goals in his first five games for Forest, including a hat-trick at Ipswich.

"I've been training on my own during the summer because I'd heard some pretty chilling stories

about pre-season training and I wanted to be in best condition to face up to it," says Peter.

"Naturally, I didn't want last season to end when it did. I'd have preferred it to go on another half a dozen games, to give me the opportunity to prove that I can score consistently and that I wasn't just a flash in the pan.

"But now it's up to me to start where I left off and do the business again this season."

MEL MAKES COME- BACK

FORMER Wrexham player-manager Mel Sutton is to make a come-back with Fourth Division Crewe at the age of 36.

A broken leg threatened to end his playing career and he succeeded Arfon Griffiths as manager of Wrexham.

He lost the job at the end of last season when the Welsh club was relegated from the Second Division.

But now the midfielder player has teamed up again with Griffiths at Crewe.

Keen Brolly

■ FORMER Chelsea and Grimsby winger Mike Brolly was so keen to join Derby that he trained with them before the signing went through.

The 27-year-old has joined the Second Division club on a free transfer after refusing a new contract offered by Grimsby.

Match Chat

Compiled by Melvyn Beck



Spurs switch

IRISH eyes are smiling... at least in Coleraine because Tottenham, their first round opponents in the European Cup Winners' Cup, have agreed to switch the first leg of the tie to Ireland, thus ensuring interest in the game is at its keenest, and the Irish club can expect the best possible attendance.

Dundalk, too, must be delighted — financially at least — at having been paired with Liverpool in the European Cup.

Mind you, there is some irony in the tie as Dundalk manager Jim McLaughline, is also Liverpool's representative in the Republic of Ireland.

CHARLTON'S NEW FACES

LEFT: Meet the new Charlton trio who the London side hope will boost their bid for First Division status this season.

From the left are striker Steve White, a £75,000 rated player from Luton in the £350,000 Paul Walsh deal, £100,000 midfielder Terry Bullivant from Aston Villa and £100,000 Welsh winger Carl Harris from Leeds.

Little at large

FORMER Aston Villa forward Brian Little, forced to quit the game through injury, has been appointed youth team coach by the European Champions.

The 28-year-old takes over from Keith Leonard, who followed former Villa boss Ron Saunders to Birmingham.

Liverpool honoured

FIRST Division champions Liverpool received the Variety Club/Smiths Foods 'Team of the Year' award at a recent dinner in the city.

At the ceremony, a Sunshine Coach bearing the name of Liverpool FC was also presented to a local school.

The award scheme was launched last season in order to recognise entertaining football and provide Sunshine Coaches to under-privileged children.

Each month the Variety Club panel of judges, including Bobby Charlton and Frank McLintock, selected their 'Team of the Month'.

Over the season there were nine such monthly winners, and it was from these that Liverpool were selected as the 'Team of the Year.'

The monthly winners were: Swansea, Bury, Luton, West Brom, Ipswich, Southampton, Tottenham, Liverpool and QPR.

STEVE COPPELL COLUMN THE



MANCHESTER United must have their best chance in years of lifting the First Division title.

Last season we only had ourselves to blame for not winning the Championship, but this time round we're all a year older and wiser and we've got an even stronger squad.

The signing of Arnold Muhren from Ipswich and the emergence of young talent like Norman Whiteside and Scott McGarvey have put us in a very strong position.

Competition for places at Old Trafford at the moment is intense and that can only be good news. We've got a squad of more than 20 players trying to stake a first team claim.

Obviously the signing of Arnold on a free transfer from Ipswich has given our title hopes a massive boost. He's a smashing player and I'm looking forward to playing alongside him.

He's very efficient with the ball and every pass he makes is so precise. I was talking to my England team-mate Paul Mariner in Spain and he was full of praise for the Dutchman's skills.

Arnold can clip the ball into the path of a striker without the forward having to break his stride. That's the sort of service Frank Stapleton will relish.

He will also give Arthur Albiston the freedom to go up front more. The Scottish international is a very good raiding full-back and with Arnold's support I expect Arthur to revel in a more forward role.

Arnold's arrival has given us one of the strongest midfields in the country. I expect him and Bryan Robson to be regulars, but after that manager Ron Atkinson can perm any one from five or six other players.

My place is also under competition following the signing of young Peter Bodak from Coventry.

I must admit that I was surprised when I heard Peter had been released by the Highfield Road club because when I've watched him on television I've been very impressed.

Below: Ipswich youngster Steve McCall — he'll do a good job in place of Arnold Muhren.



'Our best title chance in years'

THE Old Trafford favourite brings you the inside stories as United prepare their bid for the League title.

Talking frankly, as always, the England winger examines United's chances, the club's new signings and the threat to his own place.

But I'm not afraid of the competition. I thrive on that sort of thing and I'll be battling to keep ahead of Peter.

If I do lose my place I won't complain. It will mean he's better than me and deserves to be there, but I believe I've a few good years in me yet!

Up front we also look very strong and youngsters Scott McGarvey and Norman Whiteside will be pushing for regular places.

Scott spent much of the close season in Glasgow at an athletic club working on his running. It seems to have paid off because he's returned to 'OT' looking very sharp.

Ironically Norman was set to do the same sort of thing in the close season until he was called up by Billy Bingham for the Northern Ireland World Cup squad.

He went to Spain a young lad and has returned to us a man. I've no doubt he's got a bright future ahead of him.

Eire striker Frank Stapleton went through a lean spell last term and I know he's determined to put that right this season.

Frank's dry spell never really worried us because we know what a good player he is and that his scoring touch will return.

Hitting the net was a problem for us last season, but I'm glad to report that early indications point to that being over.

In United's first three pre-season friendly games we hit the net 15 times. The opposition may not have been First Division class but it's always a confidence booster to score goals.

Our pre-season games also threw up a star in the making in the shape of centre-half Paul



Manchester United's free transfer signing from Coventry, Peter Bodak, is after my place.

McGrath.

The youngster arrived from Dublin last season and played very well in the Central League. By all reports he's fitted well into the first team.

Looking at the Championship race I can't see it being that much different from last season. Any team finishing ahead of Liverpool must have a good chance of clinching it.

Bob Paisley's men are still the side to beat. Their track record is unequalled and they've got such a great squad of players.

Even without the considerable talents of Arnold Muhren, I believe Ipswich will once again provide a stern challenge.

Obviously the Suffolk side will miss Arnold but they've got a very good replacement in young Steve McCall. I believe that if the young player is given a good run in the

team he'll prove to be a very capable successor.

Arsenal are always hard to beat and this season will be no exception, especially with the arrival of my England team-mate Tony Woodcock.

It's always difficult to score goals against the 'Gunners' but now they're likely to be scoring a few more themselves, they'll be formidable opposition.

Although I can't see them winning the title, I believe we'll see a better League showing than last time from European Champions Aston Villa.

United's opening game of the season is against Birmingham at Old Trafford and, at the time of writing, I'm still not sure whether I'll make the starting line-up.

I went to a clinic in Cambridge to have an operation on my knee so I missed much of United's pre-season preparations.

I'm not setting myself any targets on a return. The surgeon told me that if I give the injury time to heal, my knee will be good for the rest of my career.

The operation gave me the chance to grab a couple of weeks holiday in Portugal with my wife Jane.

I reported back to the club after the operation expecting to start leg exercises immediately, but manager Ron Atkinson sent me straight back home and told me to rest.

While I was in Portugal I had to



Scott McGarvey has looked very sharp in pre-season friendlies.

have the stitches taken out of the wound — and what an experience that turned out to be!

The holiday company courier took me to this primitive hospital near our hotel. It was on a Sunday afternoon and yet the place looked as though it was taking casualties from a war!

There was blood everywhere, people rushing to and fro and women crying. It was absolute bedlam.

A couple of days after that hair-raising visit Jane and I picked up a slight case of food poisoning and I spent the next 24 hours praying it would go away so I didn't have to go back to the hospital.

Funnily enough, we traced the food poisoning down to a piece of 'Auntie Flo's apple pie' which we ate in an English restaurant in Portugal.

Saturday sees the showpiece start to the season with the Charity Shield game between League Champions Liverpool and FA Cup winners Spurs. I'm looking forward to an entertaining game.

Tottenham have a score to settle with Liverpool after last season's League Cup Final defeat and they'll be determined to put one over the 'Reds'.

It would be a tremendous confidence booster for the London lads if they could beat Liverpool. They'd start the season with an extra spring in their step.

But Spurs' task has been made that much harder following the loss of Argentinian ace Ossie Ardiles. I'm sure they'll miss him badly this season.

Ossie gave the team so much. As well as dominating the play himself, he made those around him play better.

Steve Coppell

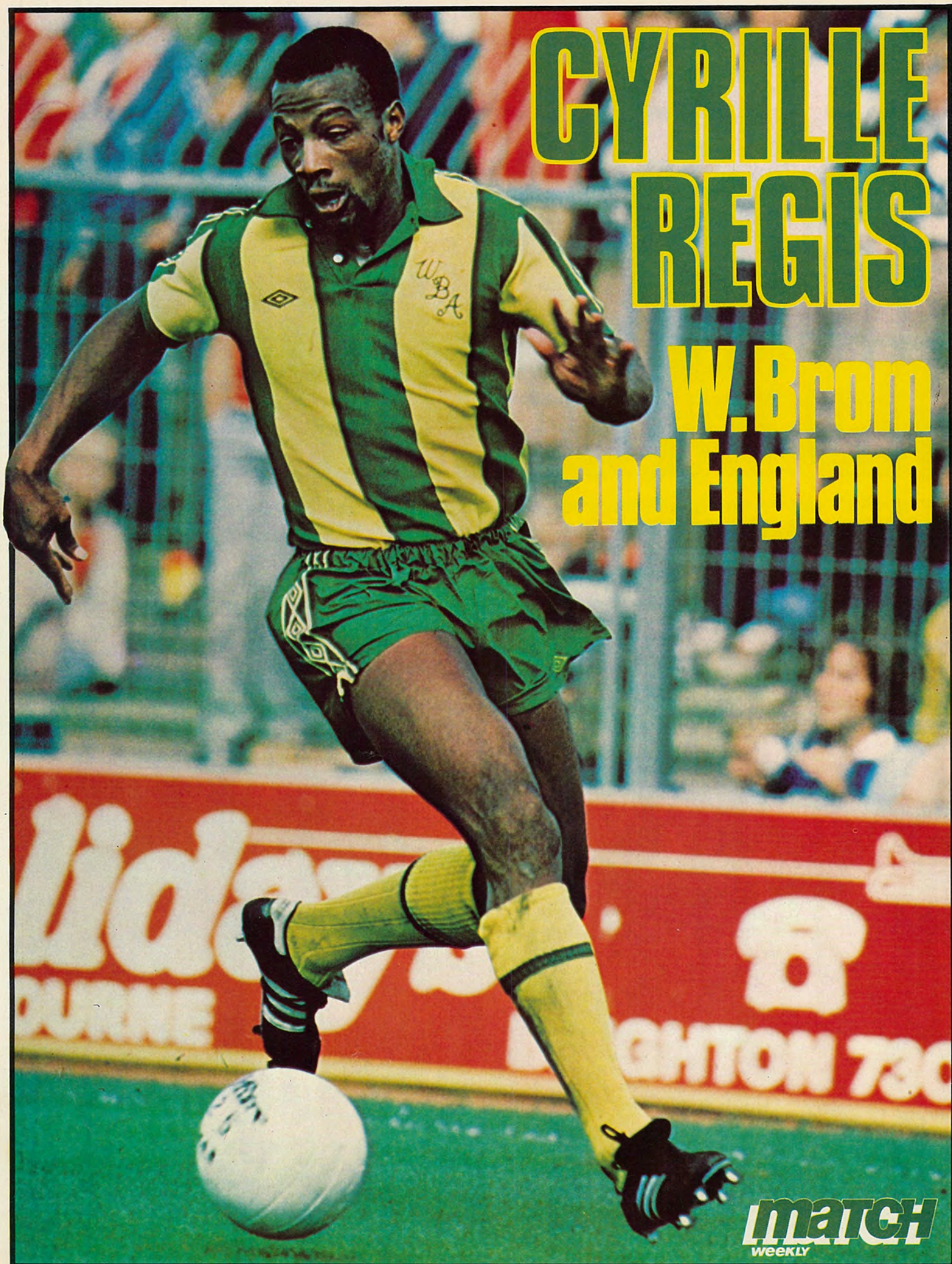
T-SHIRT WINNERS

TEN lucky readers have each won a super 'Match Weekly' T-Shirt following our July 31 'Spot the Difference' Competition.

The winners are: Graham Harwood, Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey; Hilary Dalton, Stotford, Herts; Barry Olley, Ilford, Essex; Michael Paget, Braunstone, Leicester; Kevin Smith, South Wootton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk; Grant MacInnes, Kettering, Northants; Leonard Slatter, Abingdon, Oxford; Robert Burcham, Poole, Dorset; John Gray, North Harrow, Middlesex, and Liam Murtagh, Whitechurch, Bristol.

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MARTIN DOBSON

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Burnley skipper Martin Dobson pictured with the Third Division Championship trophy on the eve of his club's return to Division Two.



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HANDS OFF!



SOME footballers just can't keep their hands to themselves! These three pictures show to what lengths some players will go to get the ball.
 Top: Manchester City's Phil Boyer hauls back Liverpool defender Colin Irwin (now with Swansea) with the aid of his shirt-sleeve.
 Above: Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland has that 'throttlin' feeling by courtesy of Southampton defender Nick Holmes.
 Left: Getting a head start is Liverpool's Mark Lawrenson who makes certain that Chelsea's Colin Lee has a handicap in this duel.

HOW Sheffield United were foiled by the lure of London's bright lights

STRIKER Trevor Aylott turned down a lucrative contract with Third Division promotion favourites Sheffield United because he was home-sick.

Even though Millwall couldn't afford to pay the wages offered by United, Trevor decided to join them because he was desperate for a return to London.

"Sheffield United made me a terrific offer — better than Millwall — but in the end I decided I wanted to come home.

"It was a difficult decision to make. United are a super club and they've got an excellent manager," says Trevor, who joined Barnsley from Chelsea three years ago.

Trevor was expected to be snapped up by a First Division club as soon as it was made public that he'd refused a new contract at Oakwell.

"Before I was put on the transfer list, there were always stories in the papers about different clubs being interested.

"But during the two and a half months I was up for sale, there was only one tentative inquiry from a top flight club.

"In the end, I felt I had to make a decision. I'd talked to both Millwall and Sheffield United and didn't think it was fair to keep them hanging around.

"I wanted the whole business sorted out before the season started so I couldn't hang on any longer for a First Division club.

"There was no point in me staying at Barnsley any longer because I wasn't going to start the season in the first team.

"It would have been stupid for the manager to have played me at the beginning of the season knowing that I'd be on my way as soon as a club came in for me.

"I decided that I'd get nowhere fast by staying in the Barnsley reserves so a choice had to be made between Millwall and Sheffield United.

"My aim was to join a First Division club and I'm disappointed that I didn't get a chance to prove myself in the top flight."

Trevor feels that many First Division clubs were scared off because Barnsley boss Norman Hunter wanted £400,000 for his star striker.

"That fee was a joke. No-one in football can afford that sort of money nowadays. I couldn't believe it when I heard the asking price.

"All that is in the past now. I'm just looking forward to scoring 20 goals this season and helping Millwall back into the Second Division.

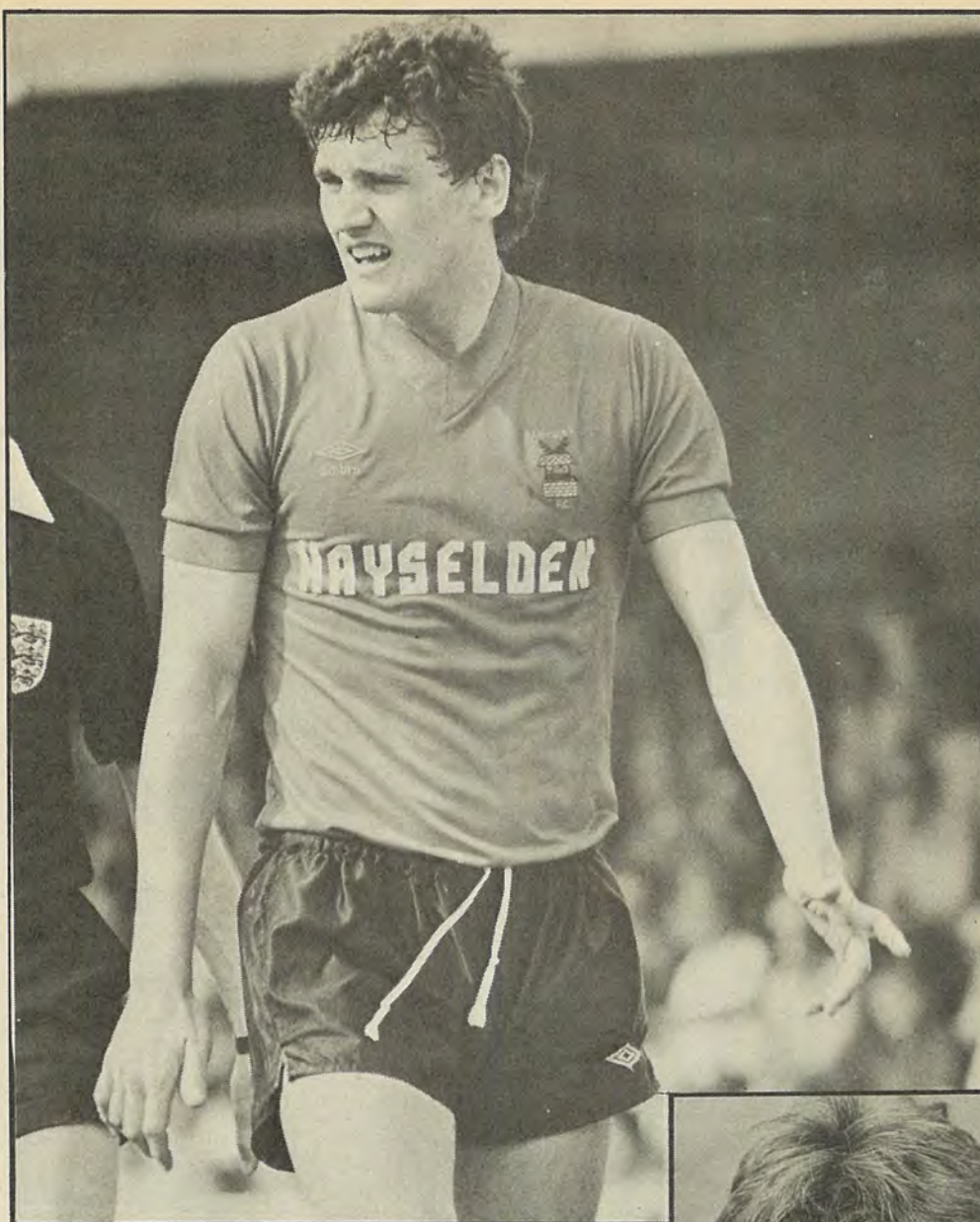
"I'm not scared about the prospect of dropping into the Third Division. I spent a couple of seasons there with Barnsley and did quite well.

"Millwall are an ambitious club. They've got a new chairman and I'm sure he'll give the club all the backing it needs."

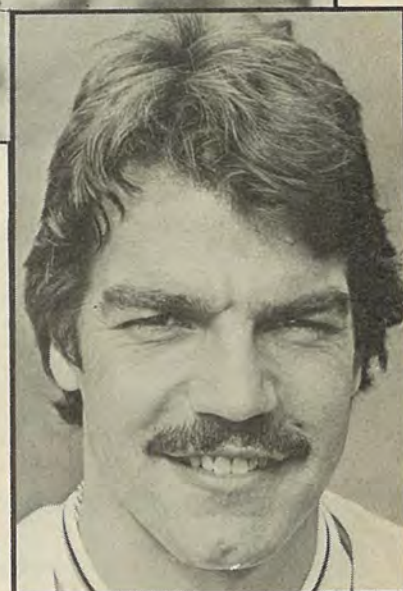
Before signing Trevor, Millwall manager Peter Anderson splashed out £10,000 to buy former Scottish international Willie Carr from Wolves.

"There are a lot of good players at 'The Den'. Both Willie Carr and Sam Allardyce have First Division experience and that's bound to help the younger players.

"I had three happy years at Barnsley and in many ways I'm sorry to leave the club. I won promotion with them to the Second Division and we had a tremendous run in the League Cup," says Trevor.



JUST CAPITAL SAYS TREVOR



Top: Former Barnsley striker Trevor Aylott — turned down Sheffield United to return 'home' to London.

Above: Former Sunderland star Sam Allardyce — offering vital experience at 'The Den'.

● On page 38 of this week's issue, Ray McHale, a team-mate of Trevor Aylott at Barnsley last season, tells why he jumped at the chance to join Sheffield United.

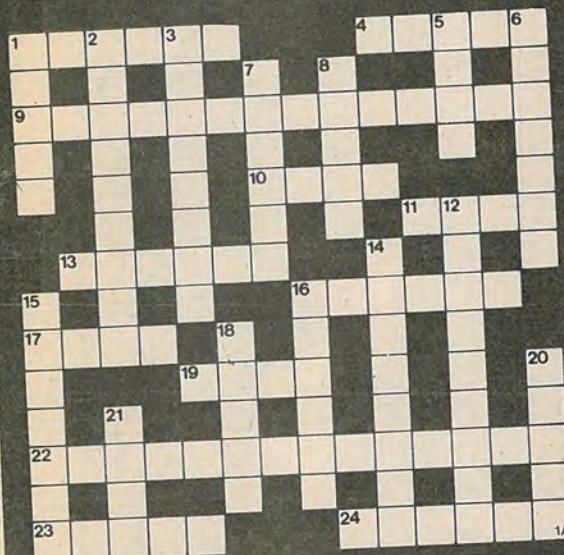
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Across

1. Charles is his last name, so what could his first name be (6)
4. A souvenir for each World Cup Finals player (5)
9. This ground will be welcoming visitors in a higher division in 1982/83 (10, 4)
10. Hibernian are at home at Easter ---- (4)
11. He rang up the League record of 401 consecutive appearances (4)
13. 'It's Les!' (anagram) — no it isn't, it's Nobby! (6)
- 16 & 17. Manchester United conceded only this many League goals last season — the best defensive record in the country (6-4)
19. He was Sunderland's skipper when they beat Leeds to win the FA Cup (4)
22. Pole who was No. 10 in *Match Weekly's* recent series featuring international stars as the 'Twelve Wonders of the World' (8, 6)
23. Top BBC radio commentator (5)
24. This Jim who played for Southampton in the 1970's sounds as if he was made of metal! (6)

Down

1. Take one letter in turn from Jim, Ray, Ken, Gus and Rob to find Joe (5)
2. He managed Notts County between Jimmy Sirrell's two spells there (3, 6)
3. The first club of Peter Anderson's managerial career (8)
5. A manager should do this to an out-of-form player (4)
6. An old Anfield favourite on the wing (his name even begins and ends with the same letter as the club's does!) (7)
7. He managed Mansfield (for whom he had played over 300 games) (6)
8. Brothers Mike and Kevin (5)

12. For example, that dramatic period in the West Germany v. France World Cup semi-final (5, 4)
14. Socrates scored for Brazil against Italy by beating Zoff at the ---- (4, 4)
15. Popular, long-serving striker — Szarmach scored one of the goals which helped Poland finish in third place (7)
16. They may be foul ones (6)
18. The first name of at least two well-known players called Moore (5)
20. A player can easily break this (5)
21. The beastly symbol of 3 down (4)

A



B



C



D



Where are they NOW?

PICTURED are four players.
Can you identify the stars
and say which teams they now play for?

QUICK QUIZ

HERE'S another chance to test your soccer knowledge with the *Match Weekly* 'Quick Quiz'.

1. Spurs signed Gary Mabbutt from Bristol Rovers in the close season. Which club does his brother Kevin play for?
2. Who did Joe Royle take over from as manager of Oldham?
3. Where will Argentinian midfield ace Ossie Ardiles be playing this season?
4. Which teams competed in the Charity Shield last season and what was the score?
5. Where do newly promoted Third Division Wigan play?
6. From which club did Sheffield Wednesday buy Gary Bannister last season?
7. Name three of Leeds striker Frank Worthington's four previous League clubs?
8. What is the nickname of Third Division Huddersfield Town?
9. Where do Scottish First Division Partick Thistle play?
10. Who scored the only goal during the Scotland-England game in the summer?

Name the teams

HERE'S a team of players who were involved in promotion winning sides last season. Can you fill in the names of their clubs?

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MATCH OF THE WEEK

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vs
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DIOR



UNRAVEL the jumbled words to decide which clubs are playing each other.

BLANKETY BLANK

FILL in the missing spaces to make sense of these soccer statements:

1. Alan Rough, . . . and . . . were Scotland's three goalkeepers for the World Cup Finals in Spain.
2. Nottingham Forest sold West German B international . . . to Bayern Leverkusen in the close season.

3. . . . play at Boothferry Park and are nicknamed . . .

4. . . . was appointed player/manager of Bolton in the close season.

5. Everton 'keeper . . . joined Oldham on loan for three months in the summer.

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HERE'S a shot from a recent Charity Shield game at Wembley. How many of the following questions can you answer with the help of the photograph?

- 1 Who are the two players holding the trophy. One of them has since moved clubs. Where is he now?
- 2 When did Liverpool last win the Charity Shield and who did they beat?
- 3 Who scored the goals in last season's Charity Shield game?
- 4 Nottingham Forest notched up the biggest win of recent years when they won 5-0 in 1978. Who did they beat?
- 5 Which trophy winners compete in the pre-season showpiece?

Riddle time

I MADE my debut back in November 1971 when I scored in a derby game against Manchester City. My career was then threatened by a serious car crash, but I recovered and made more than 300 League appearances at Old Trafford before moving last season. I played for my country in the World Cup Finals in Spain. Don't miss next week's 'Match' to discover the identity of our 'Mystery Star'.

● The answer to last week's 'Riddle Time' was former Southampton and England striker Mike Channon.

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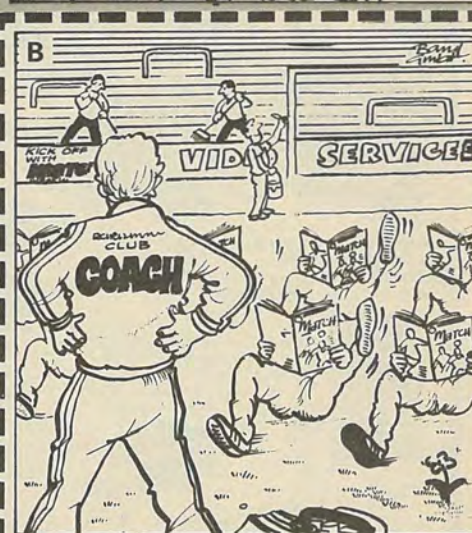
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SOLUTIONS

NAME THE TEAMS: Stevenson (Burnley), Ford (Bradford),
Mehven (Wigan), Gail (Fulham), Ashurst (Carlisle), McGuire
(Norwich), Barrow (Wigan), Taylor (Watford), Funnell
(Bournemouth), Stein (Luton), Hamilton (Burnley),
SCORCEROW: Across: 1. Jeremy, 4. medal, 9. Kenilworth
Road, 10. Road, 11. Bell (Tramemere), 13. Stiles, 16 & 17.
Twenty-nine, 19. Kerk, 22. Zbigniew Boniek, 23. Jones, 24.
Steele, Down: 1. Jarkub, 2. Ron Fenton, 3. Millwall, 5. drop, 6.
Liddell, 7. Morris, 8. Stead, 12. extra time, 14. near post, 15.
BLANKETY BLANK: 1. Jim Leighton and George Wood, 2
Martin Hodge, 3. Hull, 'The Tigers', 4. John McGovern, 5

WHERE ARE THEY NOW? A Kevin Arnott (Sheff. Utd.), 8 Steve Gutteridge (Brighton), C Bobby McDonauld (Man. City), D Gerry Gow (Rotherham),
STOP THE ACTION, 1 Jimmy Case (Brighton) and Phil Neal, 2
1980. The best West Ham 1-0; 3 Peter Villa (Aston Villa)
and Mark Falco (Spurs) both scored twice; 4 Ipswich, 5
League Champions v FA Cup winners.
QUICK QUIZ, 1 Crystal Palace, 2 Jimmy Frizzell, 3 St.
Germanie (France), 4 Aston Villa 2 Spurs; 5 Springfield
Park, 6 Coventry, 7 Frank's previous league clubs are:
Huddersfield, Leicester, Bolton and Birmingham, 8 The
Terrors, 9 Firhill Park, 10 Paul Warner (England),
MATCH OF THE WEEK: Preston North End v Oxford United.

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MARK'S MAGIC SHOW!

A YEAR ago this weekend, a London youngster took by storm one of the biggest soccer stages in the world.

The event was the Charity Shield clash at Wembley when Tottenham's unknown reserve striker Mark Falco became an overnight success with two goals in five minutes in the 2-2 draw with Aston Villa.

Twelve months later, as Tottenham prepare for yet another return to the showpiece venue, young Mark expects to celebrate his anniversary watching the battle with Liverpool from the stands.

After his whirlwind impact on the First Division scene as the stand-in for injured Garth Crooks, his season of hope turned into one of despair.

He sustained a serious ankle injury in the League Cup tie with Manchester United two months into the season and, from that point, he returned to square one.

He was out of action for three months as Tottenham enjoyed their successful escapades on three major cup fronts and he was unable to regain the form that had made him one of the First Division's brightest prospects.

So young Mark, who played in half of Tottenham's League games last season as the replacement for either Crooks or Steve Archibald, realises he has that same big mountain to climb again if he is to oust one of those star strikers.

"I suppose that if Garth and Steve are both fit for Wembley, then they will be selected," says Mark.

"I have to accept that they are the first choice pair of strikers and it's up to me to dislodge them.

"I was very optimistic of remaining in the side last season when I was doing well.

"I had proved that I could score on a regular basis given the chance.

BUT FALCO FEARS THERE WILL BE NO REPEAT . . .



"But that injury against Manchester United knocked me right back to the start again, and I wasn't fit enough after that to seriously challenge them again.

"But I reckon now that I have recovered my fitness and sharpness, and I'm ready to show what I can do. "If I get the opportunity, then it will be up to me to play so well that the manager can't leave me out.

"Although I am keeping my fingers crossed for the Charity Shield, I have to accept that it looks as though I shall be watching the game from the stands."

It's amazing how drastically fortunes in football can change.

A day to remember for young Tottenham striker Mark Falco at Wembley 12 months ago. Top: Marks falls to the ground as he scores his and Tottenham's second goal in the Charity Shield. Middle: Mark (right) shows off the Shield with Aston Villa's two-goal hero Peter Withe. Above: He punches the air with delight after his brilliant first goal.

"I couldn't have wished for a better Wembley debut than the one I had," recalls Mark, who scored a total of six League and Cup goals last season.

"I've still got the match on tape and I enjoy watching my first goal over and over again.

"Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan made his name like me at Wembley with two goals against Tottenham in the League Cup Final, and his career went up and up.

"But mine went the other way after my two-goal Wembley performance. That's how luck goes in football."

"Obviously I was bitterly disappointed to end the season the way I did, especially after such a good start.

"I know that with Garth and Steve in front of me, I'll have to work really hard to get into the side again."

"But I remain optimistic. I shall be giving it everything I've got."

SPOTLIGHT ON QPR GOALKEEPER PETER HUCKER



FULL NAME: Peter Ian Hucker.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Hampstead/October 28, 1959.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 6ft 2½ins/12st 10lbs.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Ford Escort.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: None.
CLUB NICKNAME: It's unprintable!
WORST EVER INJURY: Crushed windpipe v Rotherham last season.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: West Ham's Billy Bonds because of his attitude and commitment.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: West Ham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Eder (Brazil). He's got the ability to shoot from anywhere.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks (Eng.), McGrain (Scot.), Moore, Charlton J., Cooper, McDermott, Hoddle, Brooking, Peters (all Eng.), Law (Scot.), Best (N. Ire.).
ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:

Banks, McGrain, Moore, Beckenbauer (W. Ger.), Junior (Brazil), Causio (Italy), Zico (Brazil), Cruyff (Holland), Maradona (Arg.), Pele (Brazil), Rummenigge (W. Ger.).
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Arsenal's Highbury.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: AEK Athens, Greece.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: By QPR's Warren Neil in last season's FA Cup third round replay against Middlesbrough.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Watford's Ross Jenkins.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: FA Cup Final against Spurs last season.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Walking out at Wembley.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing FA Cup Final.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: I like all sports.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving

and photography.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Long distance running!
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Tiswas.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: Short stories.
FAVOURITE POP STARS: Rod Stewart and Phil Collins.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and kidney pie and chips.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Coke.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Cyprus.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Ann-Margret.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Arthur.
BEST FRIEND: Peter Woods.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: West Ham's Phil Parkes and Theo Foley.
WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached egg on toast.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: None.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy life.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To play in a World Cup Final.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I hope to run my own business.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Ian Stewart (QPR).
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Rod Stewart/Brazil in a World Cup Final.

Peter Hucker

FORMER England defender Colin Todd is ready to repay Brian Clough by helping him re-establish Nottingham Forest as First Division Championship contenders.

The £65,000 capture from Midlands rivals Birmingham teams up again with Clough at a time when Forest are attempting to arrest a slide after nearly five golden years at the top.

They slumped to twelfth place last season, ending a purely purple patch that saw the club emerge as a powerful soccer force with two European Cups, a League Championship and two League Cup successes in four years.

It was Clough who brought Todd to the Baseball Ground in the mid-seventies, and the former Sunderland player responded by playing a major part in Derby's two League Championships in an outstanding defensive partnership with England's Roy McFarland.

Now Forest fans hope that the 33-year-old defender can rediscover the same 'Midas' touch in a new era with Clough.

Favour

Colin, who has been out of action since the end of January with knee problems, is delighted with the chance of staying in the First Division and rejoining his old boss.

"I owe him a favour," he says. "I have always respected Mr Clough. I had a great time with him at Derby where I won two Championship medals and I hope I can pay him something back."

"It's marvellous to be joining such a good manager. I may be 33, but I'm now fully fit and I believe I still have a lot to offer."

Colin, who would have won more than his 27 England caps but for the imposing presence of Bobby Moore during his international era, is expected to form a new partnership with former Arsenal star Willie Young, who moved to the City Ground earlier this year.

With Norwegian international Einar Aas still battling back to fitness after breaking a leg and the experienced David Needham released at the end of the season, Clough needed experience in the heart of the defence.

The Forest manager is not one to dwell on the past: "I'm only concerned with what Colin can do for me at Forest and I'm sure he's of the same opinion."

"He will have a two-year

contract and I'm convinced he will give Forest two years of magnificent service."

Colin, Birmingham's most expensive signing at £300,000 when recruited from Everton four seasons ago, had fears for his First Division future when Birmingham made him available for transfer.

"When it was made clear that my future wasn't with Birmingham, I desperately wanted to continue in the

First Division, but that's easier said than done," explained Colin, who is nearing his 600th League appearance.

"I'm confident of my ability to continue at the top level and the injury problem I had last season is now behind me. I just can't wait to get started."

"I had a cyst in an artery under my knee which affected my calf and this is where I had all the problems. It was not a

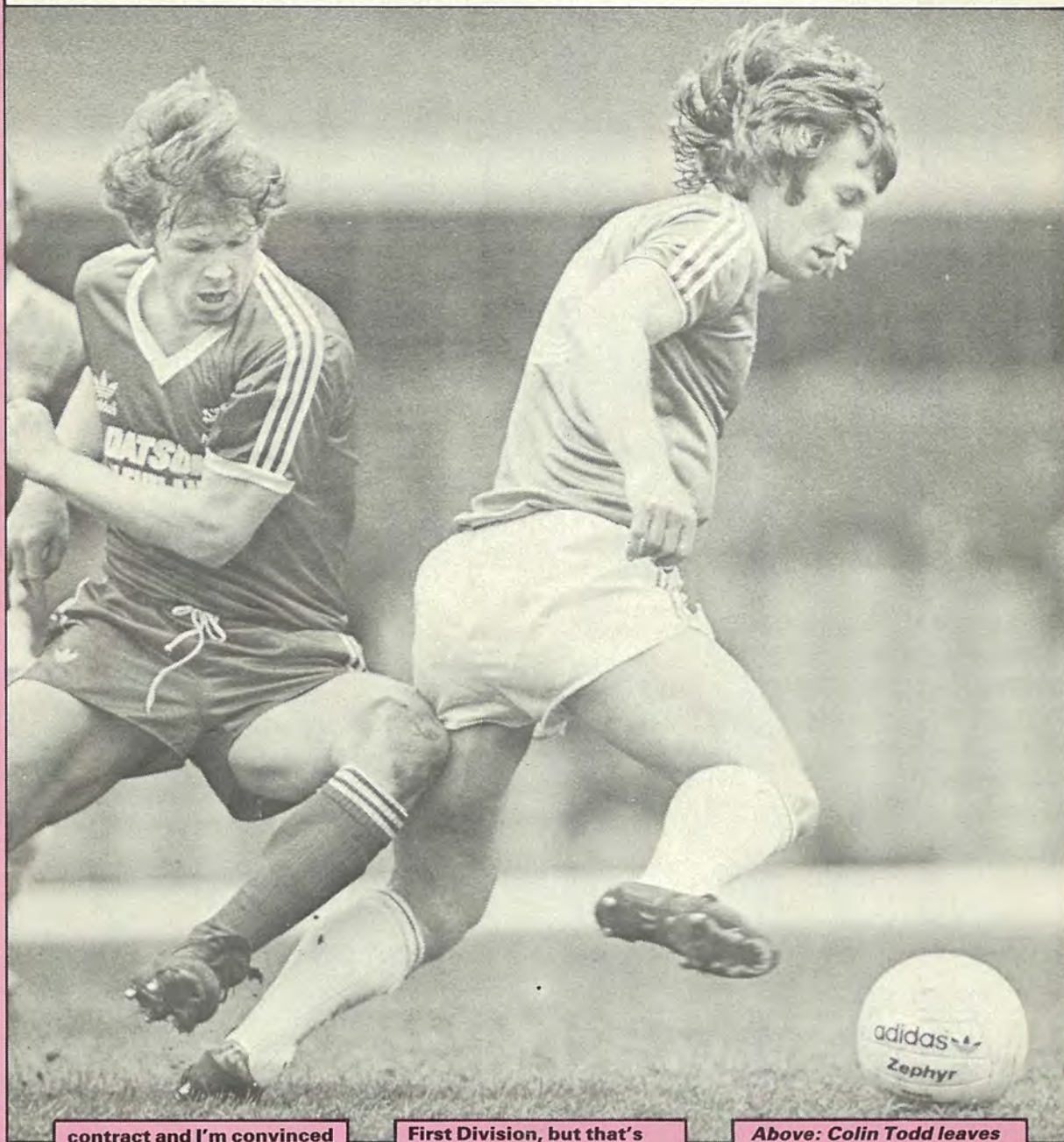
Above: Colin Todd leaves Middlesbrough's David Shearer in his wake.

football injury.

"I may have missed a few games at Birmingham during my four seasons there, but I have been playing well when available and obviously Mr Clough knew this as well."

"Now I'm going into a new era under a super manager and I'm sure everything will work out."

A new era for Todd





BIRMINGHAM

BACK ROW (left to right) — Graham Doig (physio), Kevin Summerfield, Geoff Scott, Tony Van Mierlo, Kevin Dillon, Jeff Wealands, Tony Coton, Phil Hawker, Mick Harford, Pat Van Den Hauwe, Jim Hagan, Keith Leonard (first team coach).



HAM CITY

FRONT ROW (left to right) — Byron Stevenson, Les Phillips, Alan Curbishley, Kevan Broadhurst, Ron Saunders (manager), Tony Evans, David Langan, Mark Dennis, Neil Whatmore, Ian Handysides.

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THE DAVID CROSS COLUMN

The new Manchester City striker talks about his disappointment at the loss of Trevor Francis to Italy and tells how he's been preparing for his return to Norwich on the opening day of the new season.

A BLOW TO OUR HOPES

LOSING Trevor Francis to Italian club Sampdoria was a big disappointment to everyone connected with Manchester City.

Neither management, players nor supporters wanted the England striker to leave Maine Road. No-one sells a player of his unique quality.

In the end it was a question of money. If City had not accepted the offer they could have become strangled by a huge cash flow problem.

I was particularly disappointed to see him go because I was looking forward to playing alongside him and Kevin Reeves.

Manager John Bond thought I'd be able to complement their skills. My ability to act as a bulldozer up front and take the knocks would have taken some of the pressure off the duo.

City have been preparing for the new season with trips to Norway, Germany, Greece and Spain and during that time I've had a chance to get to know my new team-mates and find out what really makes them tick.

They've already tried a few practical jokes on me, though so far I've managed to spot most of them!

One I did manage to see straight away involved England goalkeeper Joe Corrigan. Now, the big man hates having the ball chipped over his head. So, of course, on my first day at City the lads told me to chip him.

I wasn't going to fall for that one. I didn't fancy seeing an angry Joe Corrigan racing towards me!

During our trip to Norway we played a couple of tough games against their First Division sides, Lillestrom and Valerengen.

I played up front with Kevin Reeves for the first time against Lillestrom and was happy with how we played together even though

City lost the game 2-1.

Kevin is a good player and it was very useful for me to team up with him in a competitive match and notice what sort of runs he makes and how I could fit in with him.

In the second game we beat Valerengen 3-1, with a couple of goals from my room-mate and club skipper Paul Power and one from youngster Andy May. Even though I only played the first half I was pleased with my performance.

Many people expected us to come away from Norway with two straight wins under our belt, but I feel it would have been too greedy to have expected that.

After all, the Norwegians were five months into their season and were much fitter and sharper than us. We'd only been training 10 days before we flew out.

The weather also took its toll on us. Every day we were out there it was 90 degrees. Playing and training in such conditions was really exhausting.

Another Manchester City newcomer who came along with us on tour was fellow striker Ian Davies, who was signed on a free transfer from Newcastle.

Ian started his career at Norwich and was an apprentice while I was there. It didn't take him long to settle in because he already knew former 'Canaries' Kevin Bond, Kevin Reeves, Phil Boyer and of course manager John Bond.

Obviously he's absolutely delighted at the prospect of getting a chance in the First Division after being released by Newcastle.

Our build-up to the new season has been going along smoothly and hopefully we'll be in tune for the opener against Norwich at Carrow Road.

The match carries all sorts of personal battles and intrigue, but I don't believe any of the lads will be concerned about those implications when they take to the field.

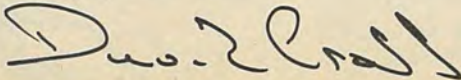
There's too much pressure on a player in the first match of the season. We'll all be taut with nerves because we'll be so anxious to do well and get off to a good start.

All through pre-season training you wonder how you're going to do. The first game is when the questions begin to be answered.

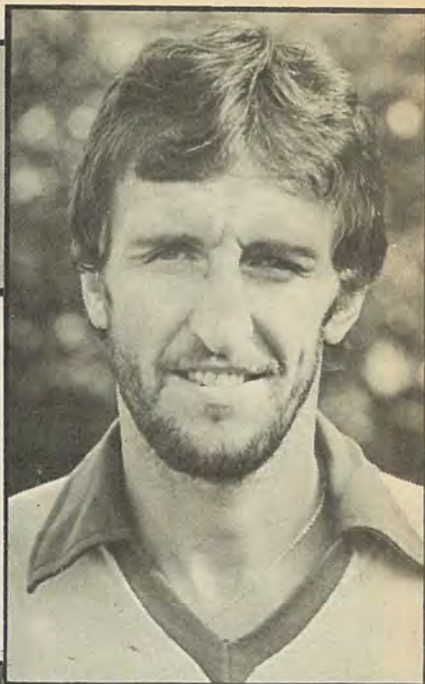
Norwich is a good place for me to make my League debut for City. Being a former player there, at least the place will be familiar to me. I know the stadium and pitch well.

One thing I am sure of is that it will be a scorching hot day. It always is in Norfolk at this time of year so our fitness will be tested to the full.

See you in two weeks!

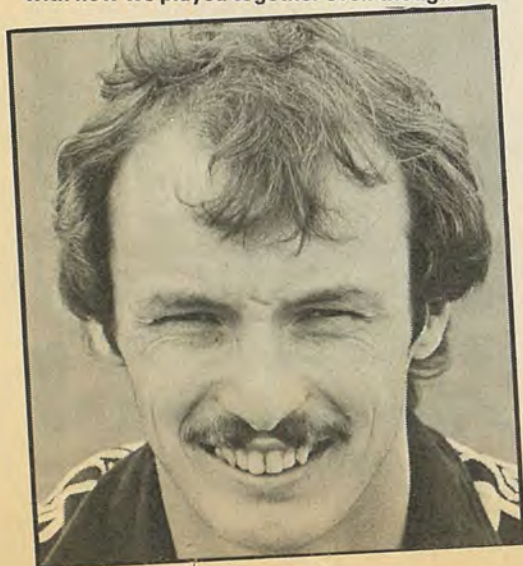


● David Cross was talking to Anthony Hawkswell.



Trevor Francis: No-one wanted to see him leave Manchester City.

Left: Fellow newcomer to Maine Road, Ian Davies, who was signed on a free transfer from Newcastle.



Neil Martin (left) and Alan Buckley were appointed as the new managerial duo at Walsall at the beginning of last season. Now Alan has the job to himself once more.

BUCKLEY'S BACK IN THE HOT SEAT

SIX months after losing his job as player-manager at Walsall, Alan Buckley is back in the Fellows Park hot-seat.

The blond striker was relieved of his duties midway through last season so that Neil Martin could take overall charge of the team.

The move didn't have the desired effect because the Third Division club struggled for the rest of the season and missed relegation by just one place.

In the close season, Neil Martin resigned as manager and Alan, who scored seven League goals last season, was offered the managerial reins again.

"It is an incredible turn-around from six months ago. The job

offer came as a complete surprise to me.

"I've no hard feelings about losing my job in the first place. Neil Martin didn't think the joint management system was working so Walsall gave him full control.

"It was no skin off my nose because I still had a playing contract with the club.

"I was on holiday in Spain when Neil Martin resigned. It was a couple of days after I returned that the club contacted me and offered my old job back.

"I didn't have any second thoughts about going back," says Alan, who was first appointed player-manager in 1980 and then led the team into the Third Division in his first

season in command.

"The job holds no fears for me at all. I'd done it for two years before so I know exactly what to expect.

"Obviously combining playing and managing isn't easy but it's a job I enjoy. I'm raring to go and can't wait for the start of the new season.

"I'm not making any pie in the sky predictions and saying we're going to win the Third Division title, but I'm confident we can do quite well. We can't do much worse than we have for the last two seasons!"

Since gaining promotion from the Fourth Division, Walsall have fought an almost constant battle

for survival.

Alan, who has scored more than 130 League goals in two spells at Walsall, started his career with Nottingham Forest.

He made 28 League appearances for First Division Birmingham before being bought back to Fellows Park for a then Fourth Division record fee of £175,000 in 1978.

"I'm not thinking of hanging up my boots just yet. I'm still young enough to play for a few seasons yet.

"When I lose my enjoyment of playing then I know it will be time to call it a day," adds Alan.



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LIVERPOOL OFFER WAS 'TOO GOOD TO MISS'

says Bob Wardle

BOB Wardle knows he's joined League Champions Liverpool as second choice goalkeeper behind Bruce Grobbelaar.

At 27-years-old, Bob has swapped the security of a regular first team place at Shrewsbury for the prospect of Central League soccer. But he insists: "The move was too good to miss."

"I'm ambitious and this transfer gives me a foot in the door of the most successful club in the country. It's a great opportunity."

"I've gone to Anfield as reserve goalkeeper behind Bruce, but it's up to me to make my presence felt and prove I'm worth a chance in the First Division."

"The chance is there for me to win League Championships and European Cups. I'd have always regretted it if I hadn't signed for the club."

"If things don't work out at least I gave it my best shot."

"The move has also given me a chance to develop my career further and given me a little more security for my wife and family."

"Security is important to a footballer. If everything is happy at home you go onto the pitch in a more relaxed frame of mind."

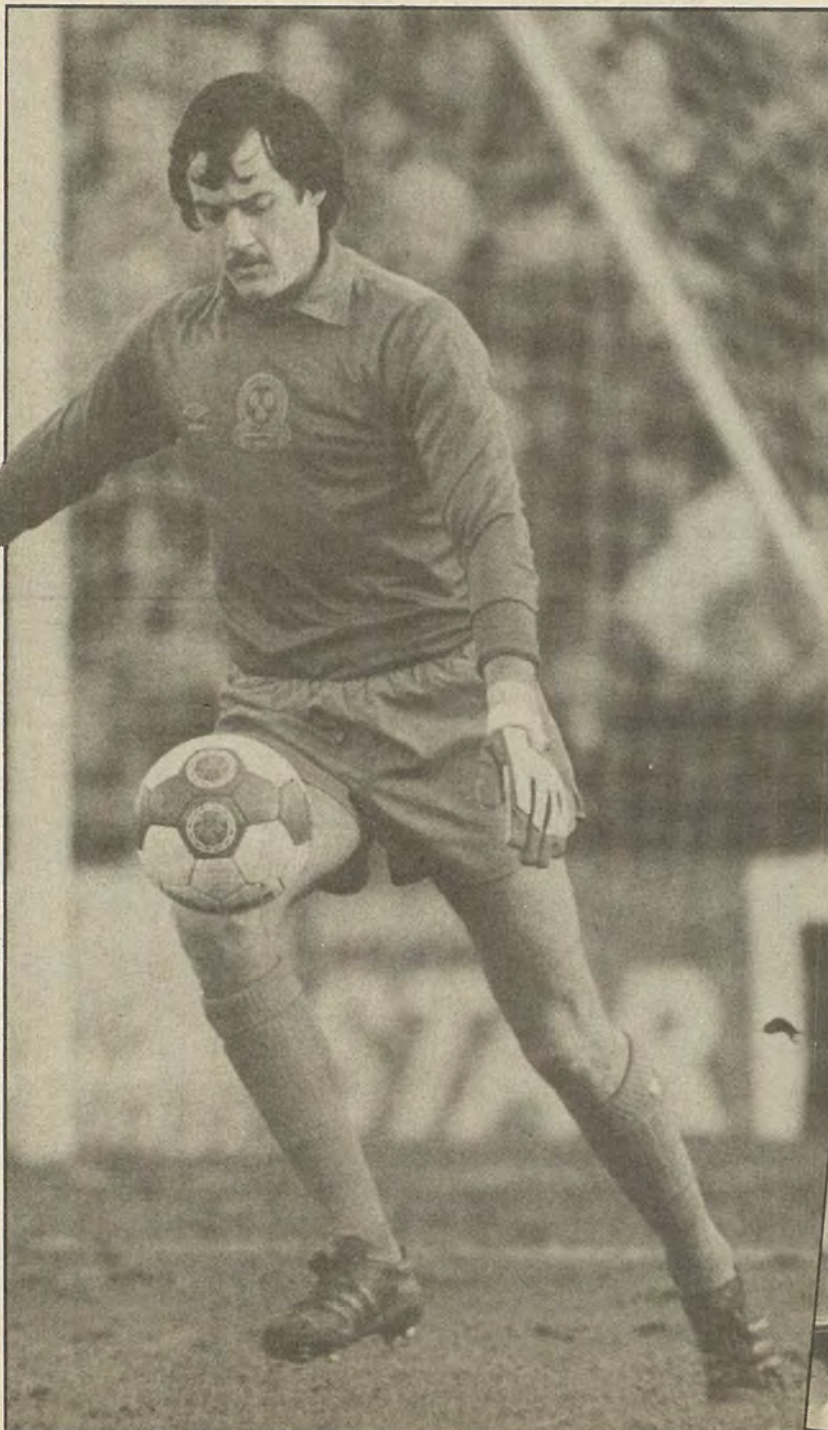
Bob, who joined Shrewsbury on a free transfer from Bristol City, moved to Liverpool in an exchange deal which took Steve Ogrizovic to Gay Meadow.

"The swap suits us both perfectly. Steve had been in the wings at Anfield so long that he felt he needed first team football."

"I've had the experience of regular football and now I feel it's time to try and establish myself in the First Division."

The first Bob knew of the deal was just 24 hours before he signed for Liverpool. He explains: "Shrewsbury manager Graham Turner rang me at home and said something big was happening for me."

"I couldn't really believe it when he said Liverpool wanted me. I felt like leaping around the lounge."



Bob travelled up to Anfield with his manager and, as he swung through the gates at Anfield, he realised what an opportunity had presented itself.

"When I saw Graeme Souness and Phil Neal at the club, it dawned on me that I could be playing and training alongside players of their calibre."

"The vastness of the place also hit me. Anfield is so big, it's a different world to Shrewsbury."

"I'll always be grateful to Shrewsbury because they gave me my second chance in football after I'd been given a free transfer by Bristol City."

"I felt I was fairly successful there. I played in two promotion sides and we had a couple of very good cup runs."

The goalkeeper was a member of the Shrewsbury side which reached the quarter-finals of the FA Cup in 1978-79 and the team which beat First Division Ipswich last season.

"I won't be severing all my connections with the town because my wife Karen is a local girl. Obviously we'll be back now and again."



Liverpool's new goalkeeper Bob Wardle will be pressing Bruce Grobbelaar (right) for his first team place.

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MIDDLESBROUGH's new full-back John Brownlie admits: "I didn't want to leave Newcastle."

The former Scotland international was sold to North East rivals Middlesbrough after refusing a new contract.

John explains: "The manager, Arthur Cox, and I had a difference of opinion over my contract. I felt I couldn't accept a one-year deal."

"He obviously felt I wasn't worth a longer contract and we couldn't reach agreement. The next thing I knew Middlesbrough had come in with a bid."

John looks set to replace former long-serving Middlesbrough defender John Craggs, who made the move to St James' Park on a free transfer in the close season.

"Although I didn't want to leave Newcastle, it was best that I did in the end. I've got no hard feelings towards them. They are a fantastic club and I wish them all the best."

Middlesbrough manager Bobby Murdoch clearly hopes that John's extensive experience of life in the Second Division will help his team bounce straight back into the top flight at their first attempt.

But John has a warning for the Ayesome Park players. He says: "The Second Division is a very hard league to get out of."

"There are a lot of very good teams in the Second and competition at the top of the table is always very fierce."

"Promotion is won or lost during visits to the smaller clubs like Cambridge. That's where you've got to pick up the points even though it's sometimes difficult to get into the right frame of mind."

"The big games look after themselves. There's no problem getting psyched up about trips to places like Sheffield Wednesday."

"I'm not making any rash predictions about Middlesbrough getting promotion first time round, but if we get off to a good start we've got as much chance as all the others."

Middlesbrough's promotion cause will be helped considerably if Bobby Murdoch can make peace with some of his top stars — including skipper Tony McAndrew and Northern Ireland 'keeper Jim Platt — who are in dispute with the club.

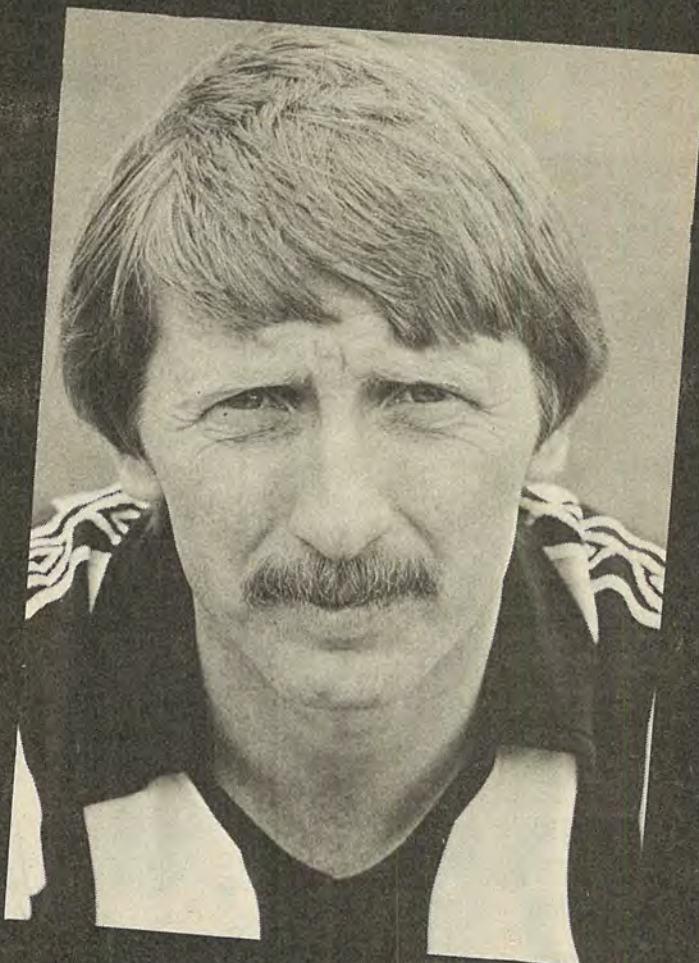
"I don't believe I've taken a step down by joining Middlesbrough even though Newcastle have the reputation of being the bigger club."

"The thing I'm going to miss most about St James' Park are the fans. They are fantastic. Unfortunately Boro don't command such a following."

"At Newcastle, we could always be sure of double figure crowds and fanatical support."

John, who joined Newcastle in August 1978 from Hibernian, was capped seven times by Scotland. He made his international debut in Moscow against the USSR in June 1971.

Right: John Brownlie: "I didn't want to leave Newcastle."



'I DIDN'T WANT TO GO' . . . SAYS BORO'S NEW SIGNING JOHN BROWNLIE

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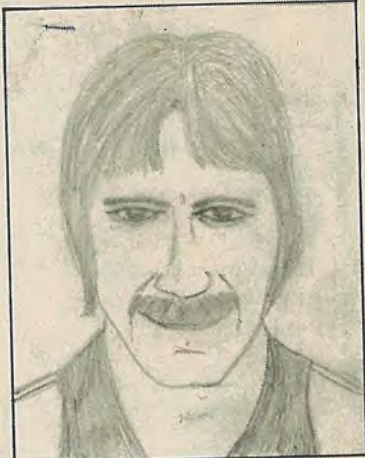
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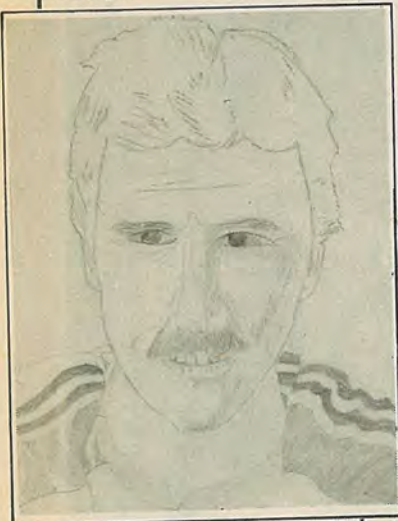
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Below: Julian Wills, of Milton Malsor, Northants, has selected Luton winger David Moss for 'Star Gallery': "He is a great player and can take penalties," he says.

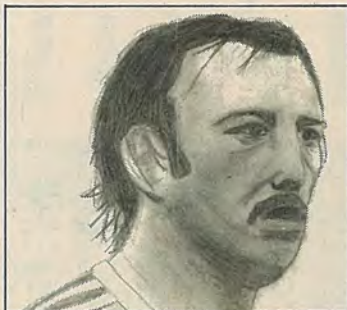


Dale Maddocks, of Newport, Gwent, has chosen Newport skipper Keith Oakes as his subject. "He is a very good centre-half and wins most battles in the air," he says.



STAR GALLERY

Below: England and Aston Villa winger Tony Morley has been drawn by Ian Cope, of Castle Bromwich, Birmingham. "He's a good player and a prominent figure in Villa's success," he says.



"Exeter's Tony Kellow is one of the best strikers in the Third Division," says Ian Webber, of Exmouth, Devon.



Eleven-year-old Martin Hooper drew this picture of West Brom's Cyrille Regis and says: "He's the best forward in the country."

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KENNY'S CLANGER

WHILE reading your magazine, dated July 24, I was disgusted to find that Leeds' Kenny Burns doesn't find travelling to places like Barnsley and Cambridge very appealing.

Barnsley and Cambridge might not be the League Champions every season, but they are good teams. They play entertaining football which is more than I can say for a few teams in the First Division last season, notably Arsenal and Leeds.

If he thinks playing against Cambridge is degrading, then he ought to think again. They'll probably beat Leeds anyway this season.

Leeds were pathetic last season and the players blamed everyone else for their failures, when really it was their own fault.

Jane McNicholas, Barnsley.



Above: Kenny Burns — won't find Barnsley or Cambridge easy opponents, says Jane McNicholas.

Walsh well-wisher

I WOULD like to wish new Luton striker Paul Walsh every success in the First Division this season.

Although I am a Charlton supporter and sorry to see him leave the Valley, I think he will do well in the First Division.

So I say, good luck Walshie — you will be meeting up with Charlton in the First Division in the near future!

And while on the subject of young players, here's a team of young talent that proves the future of football in this country is bright:

Francis (Chelsea), McCall (Ipswich), Cooper (Aberdeen), Watson (Norwich), Elliott (Charlton), Robson (Arsenal), Whelan (Liverpool), McStay (Celtic), Whiteside (Man. United), Rush (Liverpool), Walsh (Luton), Steve Dixon, London.

New boys with no new faces

I AM amazed that Watford and Norwich haven't bought any new players to help them in Division One.

Luton have followed the example of Nottingham Forest in 1978 by signing new players.

Forest signed Kenny Burns, Peter Shilton and Archie Gemmill that year and went on to win the Championship.

Luton have signed two players with excellent potential in Billy Kellock and Paul Walsh from Peterborough and Charlton respectively.

Even if Watford and Norwich do decide to buy, they will have left it too late for the new signings to fit into a side ready to compete in the best League in the world.

Steven Poxon, Gosport, Hants.

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HAVING watched recent England performances, excluding their gallant efforts in the World Cup Finals, I am of the opinion that they lack inventiveness and excitement.

England's style of play doesn't have the fans fighting for tickets or have supporters glued to their television sets.

Unlike Brazil and Argentina, we never attempt a risky through ball, back-heel or long shot. Our policy is based on a slow build-up.

Yet many of our First Division sides regularly show some of the ingredients that are good to watch.

Teams like Tottenham, West

Ham, Liverpool and Luton pursue an attacking policy and skill flourishes through players like Glenn Hoddle, Trevor Brooking, Sammy Lee and David Moss.

English players have the skill of many Continental players yet they never try to use it at international level.

Stephen Hewitt, Coventry.

PAUL-BEARERS!

HERE'S a team of players with the Christian name of Paul who could win the First Division Championship:

Cooper (Ipswich), Davis (Arsenal), Mariner (Ipswich), Hart (Leeds), Hooks (Notts. County), Maguire (Stoke), Johnson (Stoke), Price (Tottenham), Miller (Tottenham), Allen (West Ham), Sturrock (Dundee Utd).
Cameron Grant, Enfield.

HIGH-FLIERS!

I'VE compiled a team of ex-Crystal Palace players who would fly away with the Second Division Championship this season: Burridge (now with QPR), Sansom (Arsenal), Fenwick (QPR), Wicks (QPR), Francis (Coventry), Nicholas (Arsenal), Mackenzie (West Brom), Flanagan (QPR), Smillie (Brighton), Walsh (Swansea), Allen (QPR).

Simon Candy, Parkstone, Dorset.

Golden Goof

YUGOSLAV World Cup star Vladimir Petrovic was a real bargain according to this press cutting, sent in by Jackson Meek of Malvern, Works.

Petrovic deal—'no snags'

ARSENAL manager Terry Neill paraded his new signing, Yugoslav World Cup skipper Vladimir Petrovic, last night and said that the non-arrival of an international clearance certificate was no

bar to his £200,000 transfer. 'It's only a formality,' said Neill. 'Vladimir brought a letter with him from Red Star confirming that he was our player and that everything had been agreed.'

Tough for the refs

I DON'T envy the task of Football League referees this coming season following the instruction that the so-called professional foul should be punished by a sending-off.

It will be very hard to distinguish the genuine attempt to make a last-ditch tackle and a deliberate foul.

It will be interesting to see whether this new edict improves football, or turns the game into a farce.

Jane Shelton, Castlecroft, Wolverhampton.



Kenny Sansom — in Cameron Grant's 'High-Fliers' team.

HILL SHOULD BOSS ENGLAND

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I'M outraged that Bobby Robson is the new manager of England.

The job should be given to the most knowledgeable person in soccer and that man is Jimmy Hill.

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Gerard Carolan, Houghton-Le-Spring, County Durham.

● WELL, you take the biscuit! I've never heard of such a ludicrous suggestion. Jimmy Hill would hardly be regarded as a popular choice with the players or the public. You're sent off!

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NOT THE BEST

I AM outraged that people are crowning Northern Ireland striker Norman Whiteside another George Best.

He was terrible in the World Cup Finals, a point emphasised by the fact that he didn't score a goal which is appalling for an international striker.

Lee Taylor, Mexborough, Yorks.

● FOR a lad who had played only one full first team game before the World Cup Finals, he did exceptionally well at the top level. He showed great potential for the future. You're booked for not recognising talent.

Greedy, Zico

I'M outraged at all the praise handed out to Brazil's Zico. He hasn't the same skills as Diego Maradona.

He's greedy and tries to score goals from impossible situations.

He would live up to his reputation if he passed the ball more and created more chances for other players.

Hin-Lin Chan, Carshalton, Surrey.

● ZICO finished up with twice as many goals as Maradona in the World Cup Finals, and didn't resort to petulance. You're booked.



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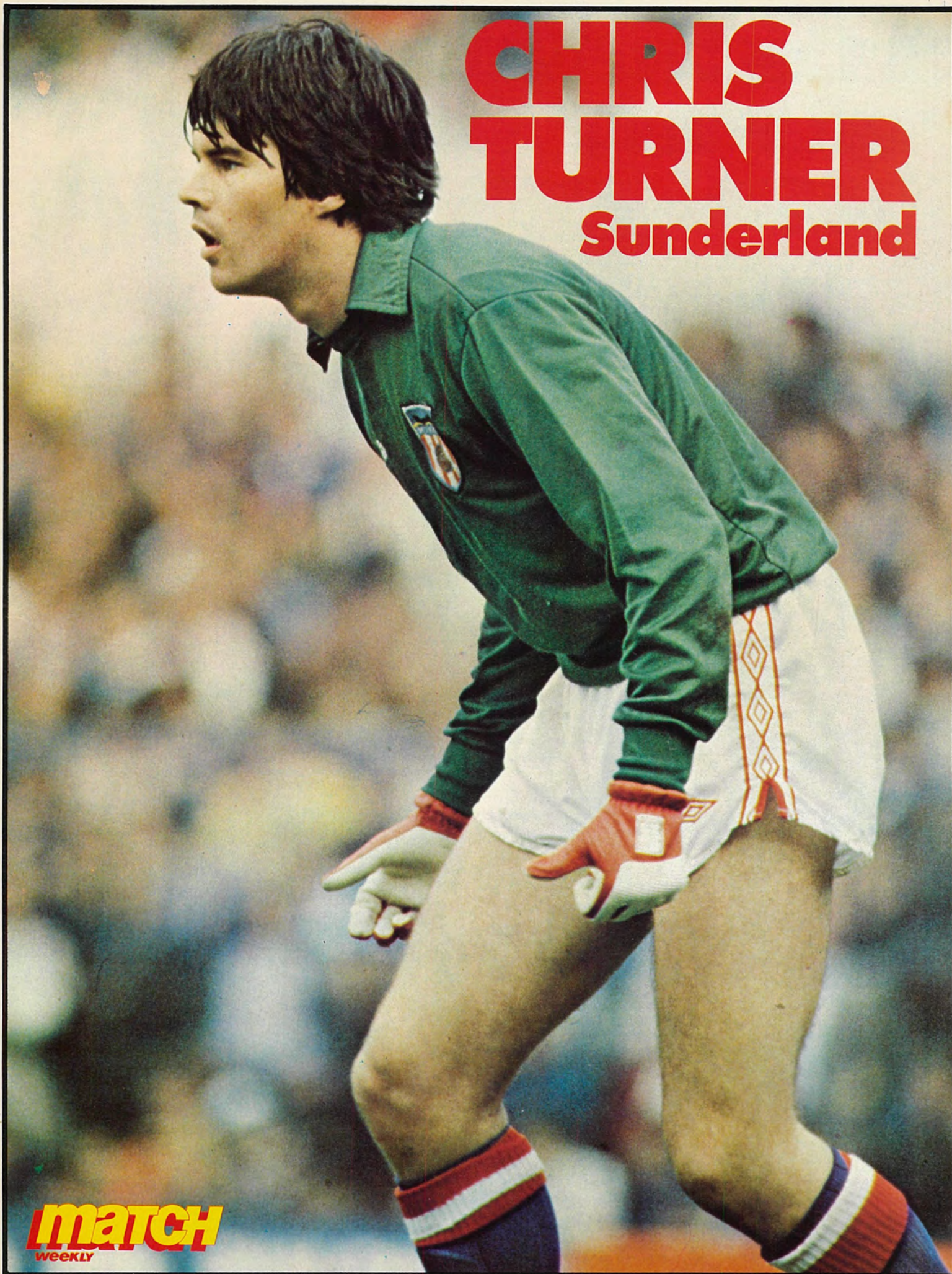
FULL NAME: Alan Ernest Devonshire.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Park Royal, London, April 13, 1956.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5 ft 11 in/11 st 4 lbs.
MARRIED: Yes, to Christina.
CHILDREN: A son, Lee (one-year-old).
CAR: Fiat 1300.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Southall.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Fork lift truck driver.
CLUB NICKNAME: Dev or George.
WORST EVER INJURY: A bleeding thigh muscle at Villa Park in 1979.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: It was Osvaldo Ardiles, a complete all-round player.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Tottenham.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Diego Maradona — he's very exciting.
BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, Cohen, O'Leary, Moore, McGrain, Charlton R, Ball, Brooking, Law, Best, Hurst.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Manchester United.
BEST GOAL SCORED: One at Wrexham last year.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Glenn Hoddle's for Tottenham against Man. Utd. three seasons ago.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: All of them.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The FA Cup Semi-Final victory over Everton in 1980.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Being selected by England.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Greyhound racing.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Food and music.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Rude people.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Any sports programmes.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: World in Action.
FAVOURITE POP STAR: The Whispers and George Benson.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Chicken and chips.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Coke.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: Australia.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Charles Bronson and Jane Fonda.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The Exterminator.
BEST FRIEND: G. Gowler.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Parents and brother.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: Hooliganism.
SUPERSTITIONS: Gold chain given to physio before a game.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Boiled chicken.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Two full England caps and one 'B' cap.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy life.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To help West Ham win trophies.
PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: West Ham's Alan Dickens.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Steve Ovett.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Work very hard all the time.



Alan Devonshire

CHRIS TURNER

Sunderland



Ardiles to return next season?

IF rumours in France are to be believed, Argentinian star Osvaldo Ardiles plans to return to Tottenham next year.

According to reports, Ardiles, who has signed a one-year contract with Paris St Germain, wants to return to London to complete the two remaining years of his contract.

Ardiles could be joined at the Paris club by his national team manager Cesar Menotti.

His future in Argentina is in some doubt after their undistinguished defence of the World Cup and he may seek a move to Europe.

One suggestion is that Menotti may be in line to take over control of Ardiles' new club.



BETTEGA BATTLES BACK!

JUVENTUS striker Roberto BettEGA (left), the darling of the Italian fans during the suspension of new idol Paolo Rossi, wants his place back in the national side.

He missed the World Cup Finals after sustaining a knee injury earlier in the season which, in the end, needed surgery.

But the scoring ace is back in full training with the Italian Champions and keen to reclaim

his place in the squad for the European Championship.

In the meantime, one of his new team-mates, Poland goalscoring star Zbigniew Boniek, has arrived in Juventus to a tremendous welcome and in a blaze of publicity.

The former Widzew Lodz player is spending a few weeks holiday in his new country before linking-up with French skipper Michel Platini in Juventus' star-studded line-up.

German row rages

THE bitter row between West Germany team-mates Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Uli Stielike is still simmering.

Germany skipper Rummenigge has now blamed the Real Madrid 'sweeper' for defensive problems in the World Cup Finals due to his 'mad rushes upfield'.

"I think that he did this to earn the applause of his club supporters in Madrid," he says.

But Stielike countered by claiming that Rummenigge was on the decline.

"He has forgotten to see the truth," says the German defender. "He is in decline and Germany manager Jupp Derwall doesn't want to believe it yet."

Pierre tempted

NIPPY winger Pierre Littbarski, one of West Germany's outstanding players in the World Cup Finals, could be on the way to Spain next year.

The 22-year-old Cologne star is setting his sights on a lucrative move abroad next season and Spain is his first choice at the moment.

"I like the country and I know that several clubs have already made inquiries with Cologne," he says.

"Barcelona and Real Madrid were among the interested clubs, I believe."

HAUNTED HARALD

WEST GERMANY goalkeeper Harald Schumacher (right) is still having nightmares about his much-publicised incident with French player Patrick Battiston in the World Cup Semi-Finals.

The French substitute was stretched off after a collision with Schumacher in which the German 'keeper was fortunate to escape punishment.

Now Schumacher wants to relinquish the captaincy of his club side, Cologne.

He says: "I want to give up the captaincy so that I can concentrate better on my game. I need to because the Battiston incident is still upsetting me."



IPSWICH striker Mich D'Avray believes the time has come for him to step out of the shadows of his illustrious team-mates.

The likeable, South African-born youngster has had to battle against his own birthright as well as world-class strikers Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil for a place in the club's front line.

But he sees this season as the one in which he must establish himself as first team player. And, says Mich, it may not be at Portman Road.

Transfer

"I am only 20 but I'm not a baby any more. I've soon got to get a regular first team spot," stressed Mich.

"I like it at Ipswich and I would like to succeed here. But if I ever thought I wasn't capable of winning and holding a first team place, I would ask for a transfer. I would be wasting my time all season in the reserves.

"Any player is open to offers and if the right move came along I

would have to consider it."

Mich was just 15 when he left his native Johannesburg to make a career for himself with Ipswich. And he believes the experience of leaving his family behind and changing his whole way of life will stand him in good stead should a move to another club present itself.

NOT AFRAID TO LEAVE IPSWICH

STRIKER MICH D'AVRAY TALKS FRANKLY ABOUT HIS BATTLE TO PLAY FIRST TEAM FOOTBALL.

"Having taken such a big step then I am probably better equipped for a move than most players. It has made it easier for me to adapt," he explained.

"I like England very much and from a competitive viewpoint I rate it as the best League in the world. But I am certainly not afraid of moving — even if it meant going abroad.

"I would have to be convinced that I was going to a good club. That is the main thing and that is why I have been happy at Ipswich. But it wouldn't matter where the club was."

Mich's first priority is to claim a regular first team spot at Portman Road, a task made almost impossible in the past by the presence of both Frans Thijssen and Arnold Muhren.

Football League regulations do not allow a club to field more than two overseas players in the same team and the Dutch duo's dynamic form has restricted Mich to a handful of League games.

That frustrating situation has changed, however, with the departure of Muhren to Manchester. United and Mich is now looking forward to the challenge of displacing one of his international-class team mates.

"It's a daunting prospect," he confessed. "Paul Mariner and Alan Brazil are both such good players. I will have to work very hard and play very well to get in.

"But at least I know now that I have a chance. The situation is in my own hands.

"Even though Arnold's move to United improved my own chances, I was sorry to see him leave. He is such a good player."

Passport

Ironically, Mich may still have been eligible for first team football this season if Muhren had not left. Having lived in England for the necessary five years, he has applied for citizenship and is hopeful of receiving his British passport within the next few weeks.

Mich, whose longest run in the first team came last season when both Paul Mariner and Frans Thijssen were injured, is optimistic about the club's chances this season under new manager Bobby Ferguson.

"I have worked closely with him in the past and I have every respect for him," he added. "I am sure he will do a good job. I don't see the change-over in managers here making a lot of difference.

"We have been so close in the past that I like to think we can lift one of the major domestic trophies this season — preferably the title.

"But we try not to think of cups. We believe that the main thing is to play properly and well and if you do that the results and the rewards will come.

Healthy

"People have said that Arnold's absence could make a difference, but if the manager decides that Steve McCall should fill that spot I am sure he will do a great job.

"There are also several young players who could come through this season to provide healthy competition for first team places.

"Tony Kinsella, the former Millwall player who we signed from Philadelphia Furies in the North American Soccer League, looked good in our pre-season tour of America and could give the manager another option on the left side of midfield."

Mich made his full League debut against Coventry in December 1979 after being discovered in South Africa by former Ipswich and England midfielder Colin Viljoen.

"I was crazy on English football as a kid and I love living here," he added. "If I get my British passport, my next objective will be to play for England Under-21's."



Former Millwall star Tony Kinsella is one of the young players who are ready to stake a claim for a first team place, says Mich D'Avray.

Pen pals

I'M a 14-year-old Liverpool fan and would like a pen pal from anywhere in the World.
Anthony Timlin, 15 Grange Park Walk, Dib Lane, Leeds LS8 3BG.

I'M a Leeds fan and would like a pen pal from Scotland, France or Scandinavia.
Declan Moylan (11), 2 Cuba Avenue, Banagher, County Offaly, Eire.

BLONDIE and The Electric Light Orchestra are my favourite pop groups. I support Manchester United, but don't mind who my pen pal follows.
Richard Woods (14), Ciguena, Sling Lane, Fernhill-leath, Worcester.

I'M a 14-year-old Ipswich fanatic and would like a pen pal of my own age.
Andrew Bowes, 60 Canhams Road, Great Cornard, Sudbury, Suffolk.

I'D like a female pen pal who goes to Spurs matches and can keep me up to date with the events at White Hart Lane next season.
Dennis Law (17), 10 Hillhead Gardens, Banbridge, County Down, Northern Ireland.

SUPPORTING West Brom, cricket, snooker and darts are my hobbies. I'd like a pen pal of my own age.
Steve Austin (16), 10 Bordon Place, Stratford-on-Avon, Warwickshire CV37 9AU.

GARY Shaw is my favourite footballer and European Champions Villa my top team. I'd like a female penfriend of my own age.
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'FOUR WASTED YEARS'

IN one of the strangest summer transfers, young Kevin Sheedy (right) moved from Liverpool to Merseyside rivals Everton.

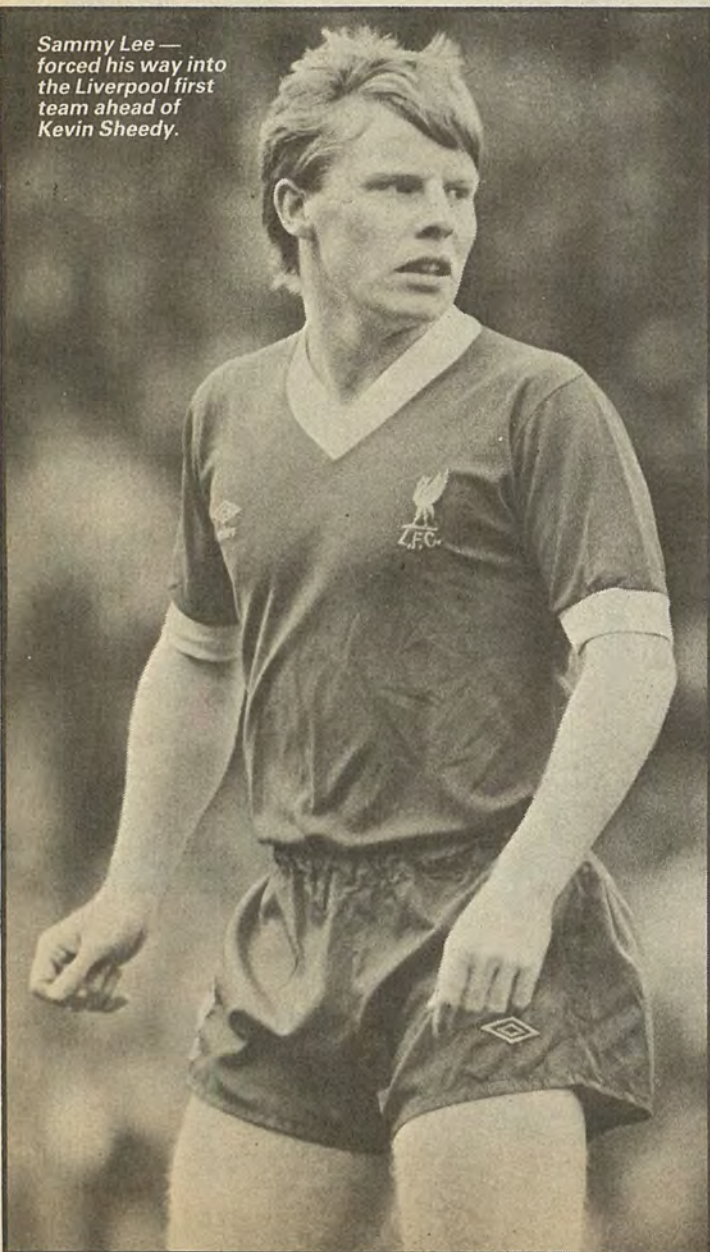
Now, the 22-year-old midfielder player is desperate to show the League Champions on their own

doorstep that they made a big mistake in neglecting him.

He tells of his 'four wasted years' in Liverpool's reserves and the players who leapfrogged over him into the first team.



Sammy Lee — forced his way into the Liverpool first team ahead of Kevin Sheedy.



NO other player is looking forward more to this season's Merseyside showdown than Everton's new midfielder player Kevin Sheedy.

For the 22-year-old has the rare distinction of being the first player in twenty years to be transferred from one Merseyside club to the other.

And, as a result of his short trip across the soccer-mad city, the former Hereford player is desperately keen to show that Liverpool made a big blunder in hiding him in the reserves for four years.

"I was never given a chance at Anfield to make the breakthrough," says Kevin, a shock £80,000 signing from Fourth Division Hereford in July, 1978.

"At the time, it sounded like a great move for me as an 18-year-old going from the Fourth Division to one of the top clubs in the country.

"But, as it turned out, I've wasted four years of my career in Liverpool's reserves."

While Kevin battled for recognition in one of the toughest apprentice schools in the country, fellow youngsters with stardust in their eyes were pushing themselves ahead of him in the queue for glory.

England Under-21 international Sammy Lee and last season's new star Ronnie Whelan all forced their way into the First Division, leaving Kevin in their wake.

"Those two players in particular got their chances and took them with both

hands," says Kevin who managed just one full League appearance for the 'Reds'.

"So I can't complain about them jumping ahead of me because once in the team, they produced the goods.

"But I felt a little aggrieved at not being given the same opportunity to stake my claim."

So, when his contract expired at the end of last season, Kevin was determined to leave the Champions in a bid to make a name for himself.

But he was surprised when arch-rivals Everton moved in with an offer to a player who was a Liverpool reserve.

"There was no way I was going to stay at Anfield once my contract was up," says Kevin, who moved to Everton for £100,000.

"After four years in reserve football, I wanted a regular claim in a first team somewhere.

"I have always felt I have the ability to do a good job in the first team, and now I have the opportunity across the road from Anfield.

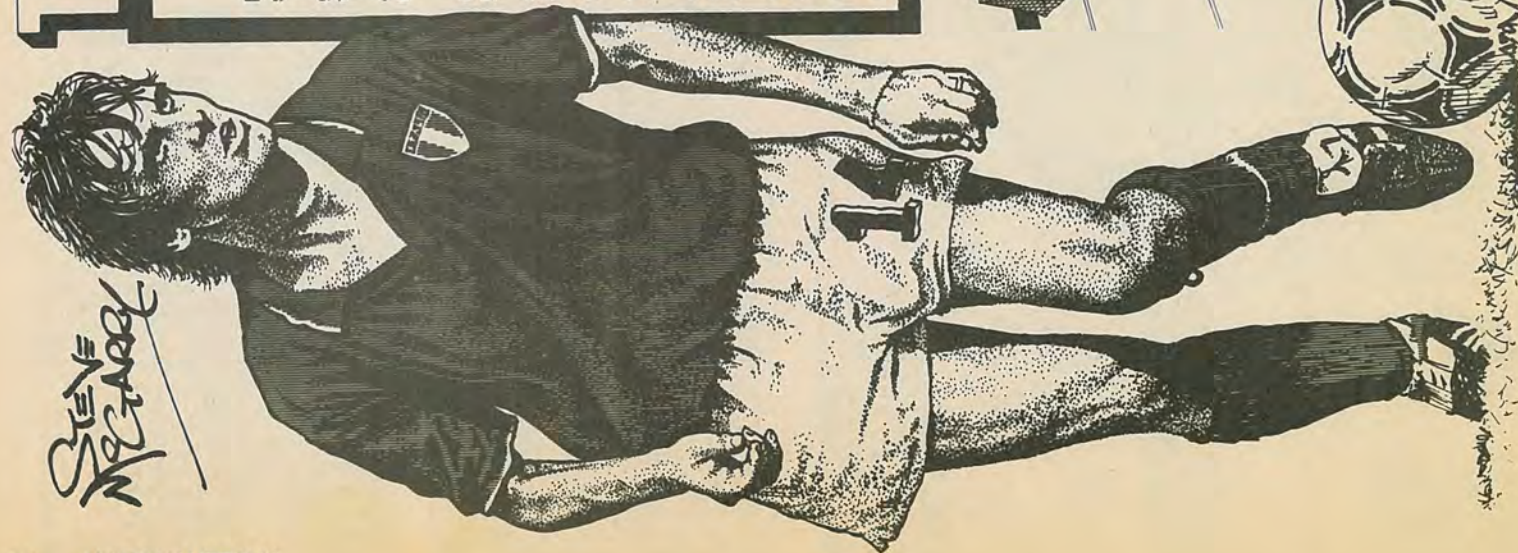
"After twenty years without a transfer between the two clubs, I was surprised when Everton contacted me.

"I knew most of their players because I watched Everton in midweek matches.

"I've taken some stick about moving to a rival camp, but I'm just happy to be given a fresh start.

"There are a lot of good players at Everton so my first job is to play well enough to get into the First Division team and stay there.

"If I can achieve that, then I'll be looking forward to facing Liverpool, and I shan't need any motivation that day."



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But it was against all the odds...

Italy entered the Final against West Germany already minus Giancarlo Antognoni and lost striker Francesco Graziani after just seven minutes.

Paolo Rossi, with his sixth goal of the tournament, brought some luck Italy's way when he gave them the lead after 57 minutes.

But it was the second which really sank the Germans... and what a gem it was.

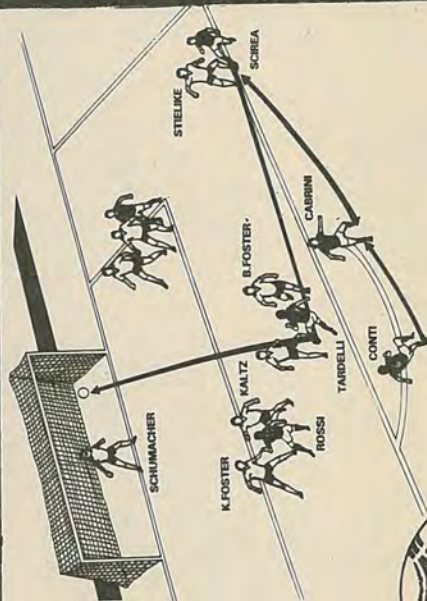
Sweeper Gaetano Scirea began the 68th minute move on the edge of his own penalty area—sprinting into space left by absent German defenders.

Bruno Conti took over possession and the Italians toyed with the desperate Germans—swapping six passes before the ball was rolled back for Marco Tardelli to crash his superb drive past the bemused Harald Schumacher in goal.

The scenes that followed were unforgettable and Tardelli—later voted 'Man of the Match'—took off on the most incredible victory run.

He said: "I just felt so great. I ran over towards the bench to hug all my team mates but the officials wouldn't let me.

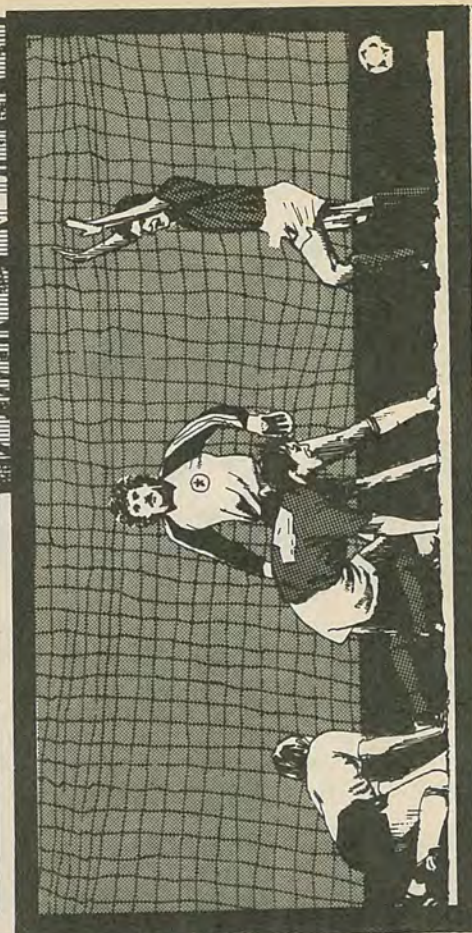
"It didn't matter though. I knew then that there would have to be a complete revolution if Italy were to lose."



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TOUGH AT THE TOP

LUTON, Watford and Norwich each achieved promotion to Division One last season but how will they fare in the top flight? 'Match' highlights the task ahead . . .

LIFE is tough at the top.

Of the 24 teams promoted to Division One over the past eight seasons, only three have managed to finish in the top six.

And four — including last term's Second Division Champions Luton — have gone straight back down the following season.

So the signs are that at least two of this season's newcomers may struggle to stave off fears of relegation.

And Luton fans be warned! It's not always the team promoted as champions which fares the best . . .

● Leicester, champions in 1979-80, went straight back down in 1981.

● Bolton, champions in 1977-78, fared worse of the three to finish 17th in 1979.

● Wolves, champions in 1976-77, could only manage 15th spot in 1978.

There have been exceptions.

Four years ago, in season 1977-78, Brian Clough and Peter Taylor led Nottingham Forest to the League Championship in the club's first season back in the top flight after a five-year absence.

Manchester United fared better than most to finish third six years ago and, of course, Swansea were sixth last season in what was the club's first ever appearance in Division One.

But, on average, the best a team newly



Leicester's Andy Peake — "The reason we went straight back down to Division Two was because we lacked experience of the higher grade, but I can't see any of this season's newly-promoted teams struggling."

promoted to Division One can hope for is to finish in eighth spot.

Andy Peake was a member of the Leicester side that suffered relegation last year and he told 'Match Weekly':

"The biggest difference between the First and Second is that teams don't give the ball away so often in the top flight.

"Once you have lost possession, it's very difficult to get it back.

"The individual players themselves are obviously of a higher standard generally and skill plays a more important part.

"The reason we went straight back down was because we lacked players with First Division experience.

"The only player in the side who had played First Division football before was goalkeeper Mark Wallington.

"We needed an Eddie Kelly in our team — someone who could direct operations and tell you when to go forward and when to drop back.

"We rushed about too much whereas experienced players play the game at their own pace.

"Apart from anything else, we got off to a bad start. When you have been beaten ten games on the trot, it's difficult to lift yourselves."

Of the three First Division newcomers this season, Andy fancies Norwich — the team that filled the third of the promotion places last term — to fare the best:

"Norwich should do the best because they have a lot of experience in their side.

"Apart from Martin O'Neill, they have Keith Bertschin, John Deehan and Mick McGuire, who have all tasted life at the top."

And despite the fact that in the past eight seasons most newly promoted teams have found life at the top a struggle, he doesn't feel it will be the case this time around:

"I can't see any of the three struggling. Luton may not have been in the First Division for a few years but they have plenty of experience and Watford are a team of battlers who never give up."

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Season	Team	Position
1974-75	Middlesbrough	7th
	Luton	20th
	Carlisle	22nd
1975-76	Man. United	3rd
	Norwich	10th
	Aston Villa	16th
1976-77	West Brom	7th
	Bristol City	18th
	Sunderland	20th
1977-78	Nottingham Forest	1st
	Wolves	15th
	Chelsea	16th
1978-79	Tottenham	11th
	Southampton	14th
	Bolton	17th
1979-80	Crystal Palace	13th
	Brighton	16th
	Stoke	18th
1980-81	Birmingham	13th
	Sunderland	17th
	Leicester	21st
1981-82	Swansea	6th
	West Ham	9th
	Notts County	15th

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IAN GETS HIS MAN

It's third time lucky as Ray finally joins the 'Blades'

SHEFFIELD United manager Ian Porterfield 'finally got his man' when he signed Ray McHale from Yorkshire neighbours Barnsley.

The 'Blades' boss had tried to sign the midfielder on two previous occasions once while he was in charge of Rotherham and once during his spell as assistant at Sheffield Wednesday.

But this time Ray needed little persuasion: "I just couldn't get over to Bramall Lane quick enough," he says.

"Sheffield United are such a big club. They've got First Division facilities and I hope I can play a part in making them great again."

Important

Ray was an important member of the Barnsley side which just missed out on promotion to the First Division last season... and they wanted to keep him.

"Barnsley manager Norman Hunter wanted me to sign for another 12 months, but he also had plans to move young Ian Banks into my central midfield role."

"That disappointed me because I enjoyed that role and felt I did quite well there," says Ray, who joined Barnsley from Brighton in March last year.

"Manager Ian Porterfield has bought me to add experience in midfield. He wants me to help the younger lads along and fill in the gaps when they go forward."

Ray admits that his immediate job is to stake a claim for a regular first team place in the side.

"There's such a strong squad here that no-one is guaranteed a place," he says.

As well as splashing out a reported £25,000 on Ray, Ian Porterfield has strengthened last season's Fourth Division Championship-winning side by signing Terry Curran from



arch-rivals Wednesday for £100,000 and Kevin Arnott and Martin Henderson on free transfers.

"There are players at United now who wouldn't be out of place in the First Division. The side oozes class and skill," says Ray.

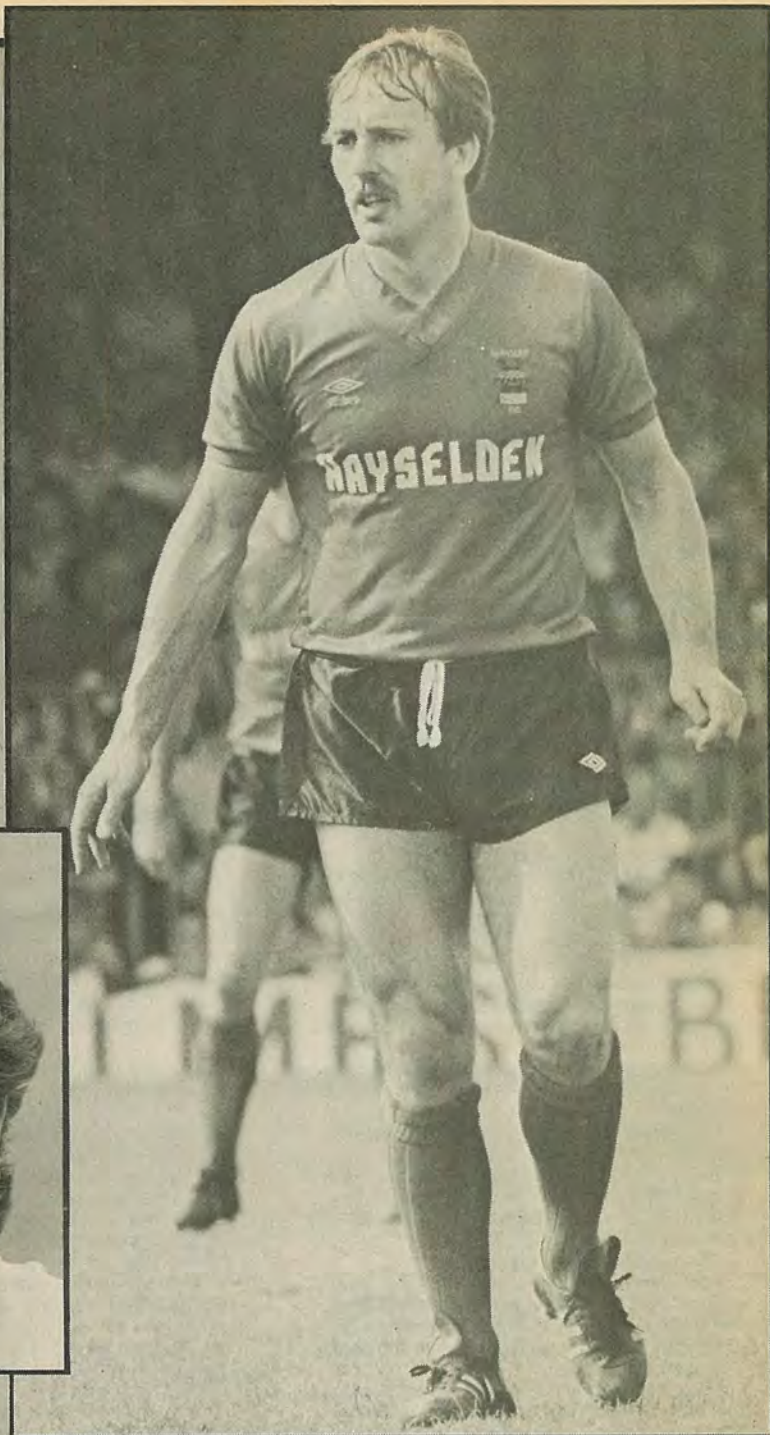
"One of the biggest mysteries to me is how on earth Ian Porterfield signed Kevin Arnott on a free transfer from Sunderland."

Skill

"Kevin's got so much skill that he reminds me of Glenn Hoddle," adds the 33-year-old.

Ray doesn't believe that the more physical style of the Third Division will affect the United players. He says: "I've always believed that skill comes out on top."

"The Third Division is tighter and more physical, but we've got the players who can hold the



Above: Sheffield United's new midfield signing Ray McHale bought by manager Ian Porterfield at the third attempt.

Inset: Kevin Arnott — "He's got so much skill he reminds me of Glenn Hoddle," says Ray.

ball.

"Forwards Terry Curran, Keith Edwards and Colin Morris all have the ability to do something special."

"I played in the Third Division for Swindon and was quite successful. I scored a few goals and was twice included in a select Third Division side picked by the players."

Ray, who started his League career at Chesterfield said goodbye to Barnsley with plenty of happy memories.

"The highlight has to be last season's tremendous run in the League Cup when we beat First Division Swansea, Brighton and Manchester City and drew with Liverpool at Anfield," he says.

But he fears it may be more difficult for his old team mates next term.

"Barnsley did very well in their first season back in the Second Division, but I can't see them repeating that success."

"Last season they were an unknown quantity. This time they'll be treated with much more respect."

"I'd love to see them go up to the top flight, but I've got a feeling that the directors of the club are happy where they are."

"If they were to get promoted they'd have to spend a great deal of money on ground improvements," adds Ray, who has signed a three year contract at Sheffield United.

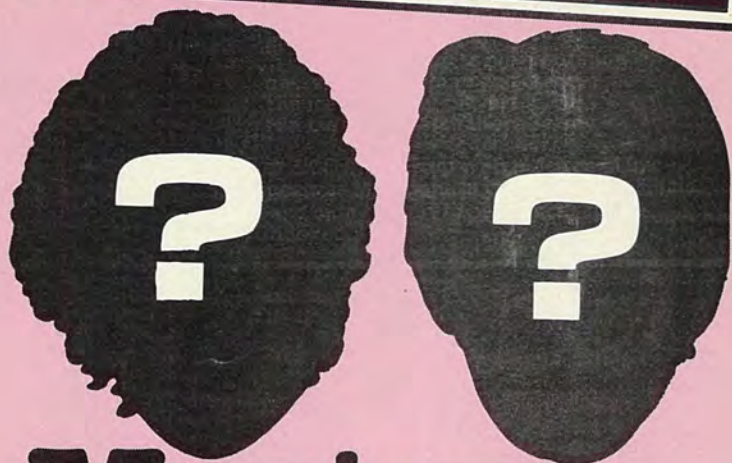
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